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Burgesses for the Assembly of 1752-1755.

Accomack:	Edmund Allen[1]	Fairfax:	Hugh Weſt[9]
	George Douglas		Gerrard Alexander
Albemarle:	Joſhua Fry[2]	Frederick:	George William Fairfax
	Allen Howard		Gabriel Jones[10]
Amelia:	Thomas Tabb	Glouceſter:	Beverley Whiting[11]
	Wood Jones		John Page
Auguſta:	John Madiſon[3]	Goochland:	John Payne
	John Wilſon		John Smith
Bedford:[4]	William Callaway	Halifax:[12]	William Samuel Harris
	John Phelps		George Currie[13]
Brunſwick:	Drury Stith	Hanover:	John Chiſwell
	John Willis[5]		John Syme[14]
Caroline:	Edmund Pendleton	Hampſhire:[15]	Gabriel Jones
	Lunsford Lomax		———— Parker
Charles City:	Benjamin Harriſon	Henrico:	William Randolph
	Richard Kennon		Bowler Cocke
Cheſterfield:	Richard Eppes	James City:	Carter Burwell
	John Bolling		Benjamin Waller
Culpeper:	John Spotſwood	Iſle of Wight:	Robert Burwell
	William Green		Thomas Gale
Cumberland:	George Carrington	King & Queen:	John Robinſon, Speaker
	Samuel Scott[6]		Philip Johnſon
Dinwiddie:[7]	John Jones	King George:	Charles Carter
	Iſham Eppes		Thomas Turner
Elizabeth City:	William Weſtwood	King William:	John Martin
	John Tabb		Bernard Moore
Eſſex:	Francis Smith		
	Thomas Waring[8]		

[1] Edmund Allen, having accepted the office of ſheriff of Accomac (ſee p. 107), was ſucceeded by Ralph Juſtice.

[2] Joſhua Fry died May 31, 1754. An addreſs to the governor aſking that a writ be iſſued for the election of a ſucceſſor was ordered by the Houſe on Thurſday, Auguſt 22, 1754 (ſee p. 190). Peter Jefferſon was choſen.

[3] John Madiſon accepted the office of coroner (p. 190), and was ſucceeded by James Patton, who was killed by the Indians in 1755 (p. 307). It is uncertain whether any one was elected in his place.

[4] Bedford did not become a county till May 10, 1754 (Hening, VI, 381). Accordingly repreſentatives from Bedford could not take their ſeats in the Houſe of Burgeſſes till the 4th ſeſſion of this Aſſembly (p. 190). It is probable that they did not take their ſeats till the 5th, or even the 6th ſeſſion, ſince in the liſt of repreſentatives given in the Almanack for 1755 (publiſhed late in 1754) no members are given for Bedford.

[5] Jno. Willis accepted the office of coroner (p. 285), and Edward Goodrich was elected in his ſtead.

[6] Samuel Scott died ſome time before May 1, 1755 (p. 233). Jno. Fleming ſucceeded him.

[7] Dinwiddie became a county May 1, 1752 (Hening, VI, 255). It was, accordingly, firſt repreſented in the Houſe of Burgeſſes at the ſecond ſeſſion of this Aſſembly.

[8] Thomas Waring having died ſome time before February 15, 1754 (p. 178), William Dangerfield was elected his ſucceſſor.

[9] Hugh Weſt died ſome time before Auguſt 30, 1754 (p. 197). He was ſucceeded by Jno. Weſt.

[10] Gabriel Jones accepted the office of coroner (p. 167), and was ſucceeded in the Houſe of Burgeſſes by ——— Perkins.

[11] Beverley Whiting died (p. 233), and was ſucceeded by Thomas Whiting.

[12] Halifax became a county the 10th of May, 1752 (Hening, VI, 252). It was firſt repreſented in the Houſe of Burgeſſes at the 2nd ſeſſion of this Aſſembly.

[13] George Currie was declared (p. 160) not duly qualified to ſerve as a member, and the governor was aſked to order a new election. John Bates was elected to ſucceed him.

[14] Both Chiſwell and Syme were declared by the Houſe not duly elected (p. 62). A new election reſulted in the return of Chiſwell and Henry Robinſon.

[15] Hampſhire became a county May 1, 1754 (Hening, VI, 377). Its firſt repreſentatives probably appeared in the Houſe of Burgeſſes at the ſame ſeſſion with the firſt repreſentatives from Bedford. (See note 4 above.)

Lancaſter:	Edwin Conway
	Joſeph Chinn[16]
Louiſa:	Abraham Venable
	Thomas Walker [17]
Lunenburg:	William Byrd [18]
	Clement Reade[19]
Middleſex:	Ralph Wormeley
	Chriſtopher Robinſon
Nanſemond:	Lemuel Riddick
	Anthony Holladay
New Kent:	Richard Adams
	James Power
Norfolk:	Robert Tucker[20]
	Samuel Bouſh, Jr.[21]
Northampton:	Littleton Eyre
	John Kendall
Northumberland:	Preſley Thornton
	Spencer Ball
Orange:	George Taylor
	Benjamin Cave
Prince Edward:[22]	John Naſh
	Charles Anderſon
Prince George:	Richard Bland
	Stephen Dewey
Prince William:	Thomas Harriſon
	Joſeph Blackwell
Princeſs Anne:	Edward Hack Moſeley[23]
	Anthony Walke, Jr.
Richmond:	John Woodbridge
	Landon Carter
Southampton:	Etheldred Taylor[24]
	Thomas Jarrell[25]
Spotſylvania:	William Waller[26]
	Rice Curtis
Stafford:	William Fitzhugh
	Peter Hedgman
Surry:	Robert Jones
	Auguſtine Claiborne[27]
Suſſex:[28]	Gray Briggs
	John Edmunds[29]
Warwick:	William Harwood
	William Digges
Weſtmoreland:	John Buſhrode
	Robert Vaulx[30]
York:	John Norton
	Dudley Digges
Jameſtown:	Edward Champion Travis
Norfolk Borough:	John Hutchings
Williamſburg:	Armiſtead Burwell[31]
William and Mary College:	Attorney General (Peyton Randolph)

[16] Joſeph Chinn accepted the office of coroner (p. 179), and was ſucceeded by James Ball, who himſelf later on became ſheriff of the county (p. 321). Though an addreſs was made to the governor to order a new election, it is improbable that a ſucceſſor appeared to take his place; for only a few days after the addreſs to the governor was ordered, the Aſſembly was diſſolved.

[17] Thomas Walker accepted the poſition of aſſiſtant ſurveyor (p. 178). Robert Anderſon was elected to the Houſe in his place.

[18] William Byrd having been advanced to the Council (p. 211), Matthew Marrable ſucceeded him as burgeſs.

[19] Clement Reade became ſurveyor of the county of Lunenburg (p. 190), and was ſucceeded as burgeſs by William Embry.

[20] Robert Tucker, having become ſheriff of his county (p. 322), ceaſed to be a member of the Houſe before the laſt ſeſſion of this Aſſembly. Probably no ſucceſſor, however, took his ſeat in the Houſe, ſince very ſoon after the governor was aſked by the Houſe to iſſue a writ for a new election, the Aſſembly was diſſolved.

[21] Samuel Bouſh became clerk of the court of Norfolk (p. 178), and Jno. Willoughby ſucceeded him as burgeſs.

[22] Prince Edward became a county January 1, 1754 (Hening, VI, 379). Its repreſentatives appeared for the firſt time at the 3rd ſeſſion of the Aſſembly.

[23] Edward Hack Moſeley accepted the poſition of ſurveyor and ſearcher of Elizabeth and Nanſemond rivers (p. 322). It is doubtful, however, if his ſucceſſor took his ſeat, as very ſhortly the Aſſembly was diſſolved.

[24] Etheldred Taylor having died (p. 321), the governor was aſked to iſſue a writ for a new election. His ſucceſſor, however, if one was elected, hardly had time to come to Williamſburg before the diſſolution of the Aſſembly.

[25] Thomas Jarrell died before November 1, 1753 (p. 105). Joſeph Gray ſucceeded him.

[26] William Waller became coroner (p. 126), and was ſucceeded by Jno. Thornton.

[27] Auguſtine Claiborne, who had become clerk of the court (p. 178), was ſucceeded in the Houſe by John Ruffin.

[28] Suſſex became a county February 1, 1754 (Hening, VI, 384). Its burgeſſes firſt appeared at the 3rd ſeſſion of this Aſſembly.

[29] Jno. Edmunds accepted the poſition of ſurveyor of his county (p. 190). He was re-elected to the Houſe, however, ſince his name appears in the liſt of repreſentatives given in the Almanack for 1756 (printed the latter part of 1755).

[30] Robert Vaulx died (p. 194). Auguſtine Waſhington ſucceeded him.

[31] Armiſtead Burwell, having died (p. 190), was ſucceeded by George Wythe.

Burgesses for the Assembly

of 1756-1758.

Accomac:	Edmund Allen
	Ralph Juſtice
Albemarle:	John Nicholas
	William Cabell
Amelia:	Thomas Tabb
	Richard Booker
Auguſta:[1]	John Wilſon
	Gabriel Jones
Bedford:	William Callaway
	———— Stith
Brunſwick:	Edward Goodrich
	William Thornton
Caroline:	Edmund Pendleton
	John Baylor
Charles City:	Benjamin Harriſon
	William Lightfoot
Cheſterfield:	Archibald Cary
	John Bolling[2]
Culpeper:	Thomas Slaughter
	Henry Field
Cumberland:	George Carrington
	John Fleming, Jr.
Dinwiddie:	John Jones[3]
	Robert Bolling
Elizabeth City:	William Weſtwood
	John Tabb
Eſſex:	William Dangerfield
	Francis Smith
Fairfax:	John Weſt
	George Wm. Fairfax
Frederick:	Hugh Weſt
	Thomas Swearingen
Glouceſter:	John Page
	Thomas Whiting
Goochland:	John Payne
	John Smith
Halifax:	Samuel Harris
	John Bates
Hampſhire:	Thomas Bryan Martin
	Thomas Walker
Hanover:	John Syme
	Henry Robinſon[4]
Henrico:	William Randolph
	Bowler Cocke
Iſle of Wight:	Joſeph Bridger
	Robert Burwell
James City:	Benjamin Waller
	Joſeph Morton
King & Queen:	John Robinſon, Speaker
	Philip Johnſon
King George:	Charles Carter
	Charles Carter, Jr.
King William:	John Martin[5]
	Bernard Moore
Lancaſter:	William Ball
	Richard Selden
Louiſa:	Robert Anderſon
	Charles Barret
Lunenburg:	Thomas Naſh
	William Embry
Middleſex:	Chriſtopher Robinſon
	Ralph Wormeley
Nanſemond:	Lemuel Riddick
	Willis Riddick
New Kent:	James Power
	Richard Adams
Norfolk:	George Veale
	Joſhua Corprew
Northampton:	Littleton Eyre
	John Kendall
Northumberland:	Spencer Ball
	Preſley Thornton

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[1] Owing to the occurrence of a riot at the firſt election for the Houſe of Burgeſſes, a new election had to be held (p. 348). Auguſta's repreſentatives did not, accordingly, appear in the Houſe till late in the 1ſt or at the beginning of the 2nd ſeſſion.

[2] John Bolling died before March 30, 1758, when the Houſe aſked the preſident of the Council (acting governor) to order an election for the purpoſe of filling the vacancy (p. 496). As the ſeſſion of the Aſſembly very ſoon came to an end, it is not probable that Mr. Bolling's ſucceſſor took his ſeat.

[3] On Thurſday, March 30, 1758, the Houſe aſked the preſident of the Council (acting governor) to iſſue a writ for the election of a burgeſs to ſerve inſtead of Jno. Jones, who had been appointed inſpector of tobacco (p. 496). It is not probable, however, that the burgeſs elected took his ſeat. (See preceding note.)

[4] Henry Robinſon died before September 21, 1756 (p. 403). Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge ſucceeded him.

[5] John Martin died before April 6, 1756 (p. 356), and Francis Weſt ſucceeded him as burgeſs.

Orange:	George Taylor	Surry:	Benjamin Harriſon, Jr.
	Benjamin Cave		William Clinch[8]
Prince Edward:	John Naſh	Suſſex:	John Edmunds
	Charles Anderſon		Gray Briggs
Prince George:	Richard Bland	Warwick:	William Digges
	Alexander Bolling		William Harwood
Prince William:	Henry Lee[6]	Weſtmoreland:	Auguſtine Waſhington
	John Bell		Philip Ludwell Lee[9]
Princeſs Anne:	Thomas Walke	York:	Dudley Digges
	William Keeling		Robert Carter Nicholas
Richmond:	Landon Carter	Jameſtown:	Edward Champion Travis
	John Woodbridge	Norfolk Borough:	John Hutchings, Jr.
Southampton:	Joſeph Gray	Williamſburg:	John Chiſwell
	William Taylor	The College:	The Attorney General
Spotſylvania:	Rice Curtis[7]		(Peyton Randolph)
	John Spotſwood		
Stafford:	Peter Hedgman		
	William Fitzhugh		

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[6] Henry Lee's election was declared void by the Houſe March 31, 1756 (p. 352). A new election reſulted in the choice of Henry Peyton.

[7] Rice Curtis was appointed to the office of ſheriff (p. 403), and William Waller was elected burgeſs in his stead.

[8] On Tueſday, April 26, 1757, William Clinch was expelled from the Houſe (p. 437). Benjamin Cocke was elected his ſucceſſor.

[9] Philip Ludwell Lee having been promoted to the Council (p. 416), Richard Lee was choſen burgeſs in his ſtead.





Introductory Note.

THE ſize of the preſent volume is to be accounted for by the fact that it contains the Journals of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for two General Aſſemblies inſtead of for only one. Since the duration of an Aſſembly was not fixed but indefinite (the laws governing being ſimilar to thoſe governing in the *Engliſh* Parliament), and ſince the amounts of buſineſs conducted at different ſeſſions varied widely, the number of printed pages required to record the proceedings of the Houſe of Burgeſſes for an Aſſembly is much greater in ſome caſes than in others. The volume immediately preceding this one in the ſeries contained the proceedings of the Houſe for the General Aſſembly of 1758–61. If the preſent volume contained the proceedings of the Houſe for only one Aſſembly, it would (the inverſe chronological order of publication adopted at the inception of the ſeries being adhered to) be thoſe for the Aſſembly of *March*, 1756–*March*, 1758, an Aſſembly ſhort in duration and one in which relatively little buſineſs was tranſacted. The volume would contain leſs than two hundred pages, a much ſmaller number than that contained in any preceding volume, and one not at all in proportion to the coſt of the volume to ſubſcribers. Therefore it was decided to include the proceedings of the Aſſembly of *February*, 1752–*October*, 1755, and the proceedings for the entire Aſſembly, ſo as to obviate the awkwardneſs of beginning a volume with the proceedings of a third or a fourth ſeſſion inſtead of with thoſe of the firſt. It was felt that in this way only could the unity of the volume be preſerved.

Deſpite the fact that it was determined to make this volume include the proceedings of the Houſe for two Aſſemblies, it was neverthelefs thought beſt to put in it, too, ſuch of the *Bancroft* Tranſcripts bearing dates in the period covered by the two Aſſemblies as have not elſewhere been publiſhed. It is much to be hoped that in courſe of time abſolutely all the manuſcript material in *England* and elſewhere bearing upon *Virginia* hiſtory may be printed in ſome ſuch monumental collection as the Documents relating to the Colonial Hiſtory of the State of *New York*, but in the meanwhile it appears to the preſent editor of this ſeries that the printing of ſuch of it as he can conveniently collect will be a ſervice of moment to ſtudents of *Virginia* colonial hiſtory.

The ſource of the text of the Journals appearing in this volume is in every caſe an original printed Journal. The originals for all the ſeſſions except two are in the *Virginia* State Library, and for theſe two ſeſſions (the *Auguſt-September* ſeſſion of 1754, and the *September* ſeſſion of 1756) they are in the Library of Congreſs. The originals being at hand, it has been poſſible in this volume to follow the ſlight changes of ſtyle in printing from ſeſſion to ſeſſion. Hence in the following pages will be found, not only the reſults of an attempt at an exact reproduction of the words and punctuation of the originals, but a ſufficiently accurate reproduction of the forms of printing to make theſe pages reſemble

very cloſely thoſe iſſued by *William Hunter*, Public Printer, *Williamſburg*, one hundred and fifty years ago. In caſes in which miſprints or other errors in the original might confuſe the reader foot-notes are given. Notes other than thoſe of this character are few, even the page references to *Hening*'s Statutes for acts paſſed being omitted, for the reaſon that it was thought that it would be ſufficiently eaſy for the ſtudent, knowing that all the acts for this period are given in *Hening*, to find by the uſe of the indexes to *Hening*'s volumes the ſpecial law in which he might be intereſted.

The liſts of Burgeſſes given have been taken from *Stanard*'s Colonial Regiſter, but carefully compared with the *Virginia* Almanacks for the period and with the Journals.

Preface.

Aſſembly of 1752-55.

Firſt Seſſion.

THE firſt ſeſſion of the Aſſembly of 1752–55 commenced on the 27th of *February*, 1752, and continued till *April* 20. It was the firſt ſeſſion of an Aſſembly ſince early in 1749. It was alſo the firſt meeting of an Aſſembly under Governor *Dinwiddie*[1], who, ſucceeding Governor *Gooch*, had arrived in *Virginia* *November* 20, 1751. Since no Aſſembly had met for about two years, a great deal of buſineſs had to be tranſacted; and ſince there was a new governor, though one who had formerly reſided for a time in the Colony in another capacity, there was no doubt conſiderable curioſity on the part of members to make his acquaintance. Accordingly on the opening day of the ſeſſion the attendance was unuſually large, there being eighty-four members preſent out of a poſſible ninety-two. The governor, in his addreſs to the Aſſembly, made two ſpecial recommendations: Firſt, that ſome way ſhould be found to prevent delays in the courts of juſtice; ſecond, that good relations ſhould be cultivated with the *Indians* in order that the *French* and *Spaniards* —particularly the former—might not be able to carry out their deſigns of ſettling in the interior.

In reſponſe to the governor's firſt recommendation, the Houſe, after very careful conſideration, was on the point of paſſing[2] a bill the object of which was to remedy the condition complained of, when it was announced to the Houſe by the governor that the king in council had repealed ten acts paſſed by the preceding Aſſembly. The bill was immediately dropped. The preceding Aſſembly had made a reviſion of the whole body of the law of the Colony, and it was thought beſt, no doubt, before going into further changes to allow ample time to elapſe for the ſtudy of the bearing of the repeal of theſe ten on thoſe which had been allowed.

The governor's ſecond recommendation was carried out in the paſſage of an act for the encouragement of ſettlement on the waters of the *Miſſiſſippi*. The preamble to the act[3] ſtates that encouragement given to perſons "to ſettle on the waters of the *Miſſiſſippi* river, in the county of *Auguſta*" will be "a means of cultivating a good correſpondence with the neighboring *Indians*." Another motive aſſigned in the preamble for the paſſage of the act, but one mentioned probably to impreſs the king and his miniſters and thus to prevent the poſſible diſallowing of the act, was the desire to augment eventually "his majeſty's revenue of quit-rents." The quit-rents went into his majeſty's private purſe. But the main motive for paſſing the bill is to be found in the clauſes of the preamble ſetting forth that with encouragement many of his majeſty's natural born ſubjects and, eſpecially, many foreign Proteſtants may be brought to ſettle in thoſe parts, and that, having ſettled there, they will add to the "ſtrength and ſecurity of the Colony in general." This plan of erecting a human buffer on the frontiers was an old one even in *Virginia*. It explains the ſettlement of the *Huguenots* at *Manakin* Town, and to a certain extent of the *Germans* at *Germanna*, and of the encouragement given

[1] Dinwiddie was only the lieutenant governor. The governor at that time was the Earl of Albemarle, who had ſucceeded the Earl of Orkney as holder of the ſinecure in 1737. The Earl of Albemarle died in 1754, and was followed as governor by the Earl of Loudoun. The titular governor received £.1,665 of the £.2,000 regular ſalary paid from the revenue ariſing from the 2*s*. per hogſhead tax on tobacco exported, but the lieutenant governor was able to add in various ways to the part coming to him; ſo that it is ſafe to ſay he was a well paid officer. The title "governor" is uſually given the lieutenant governors.

[2] See p. 76 of this volume.

[3] Hening, VI, 258.

later to the ſettlement of the Valley of Virginia by the *Scotch-Iriſh* and *Germans* from *Pennſylvania*. The frontiers were now being extended into territory claimed by *France*, and the barrier was needed more than ever. The encouragement given was the exemption of ſuch ſettlers, "being Proteſtant," "from the payment of all public, county, and pariſh levies for the term of ten years." No reference is made to quit-rents, of courſe, as theſe could not be diſpended with by legiſlative action, being wholly under the control of the king.

The two meaſures which occaſioned the greateſt diſcuſſion, judging by the number of times they are mentioned in the Journal in the various ſtages of their paſſage, were, to give their exact titles when they became laws, "An act for reviving the duty upon ſlaves, to be paid by the buyer, for the term therein mentioned" and "An act for continuing and amending the act entituled An act for amending the ſtaple of tobacco and preventing frauds in his majeſty's cuſtom's." By the former of theſe a duty of five *per cent.* was laid upon ſlaves for the purpoſe of raiſing revenue with which to extinguiſh the debt incurred by the Colony in rebuilding the capitol and in raiſing troops for an expedition againſt the *French* in King *George*'s War. The fight over its paſſage aroſe from the fact that in enhancing the price of ſlaves the law would, it was ſeen, increaſe the difficulty experienced by men of ſmall means in ſecuring laborers for their farms. It was thus, to an extent, a fight between the rich and the poor. The ſecond act amended what was commonly known as the "tobacco law," which, regulating the inſpection and ſhipment of *Virginia*'s great ſtaple and the iſſue and currency of notes and receipts given for it by inſpectors, the location and management of warehouſes, etc., etc., was always a ſubject demanding a great deal of attention. Whenever a bill was introduced to change this vital law in even a trivial detail, it was ſure to be conſidered in committee of the whole houſe many times, and when it finally paſſed the Houſe, granting that it ſucceeded in doing ſo, it was almoſt ſure to be amended by the Council. In ſhort, the paſſage of an act dealing in any way with tobacco was always a tedious proceſs.

A very intereſting bill introduced in the Houſe at this ſeſſion was the bill for changing the capital from *Williamſburg* to ſome place more convenient to the majority of the inhabitants of the Colony. It paſſed the Houſe by a ſafe majority[4] but received no favor in the Council.[5] The title of the bill ſhows that the intention was not to remove to ſome town already in exiſtence, but to ſelect a convenient ſite, build a town thereon, and erect the public buildings. The vote is noteworthy as ſhowing the ſhifting of the center of population to the weſt.

Another intereſting matter receiving attention was the propoſal to build a lighthouſe at Cape *Henry*. This meaſure paſſed both houſes without trouble and was ſigned by the governor. It had attached to it, however, the proviſo that it was not to go into effect till the king's approbation was had.[6] The proviſo was neceſſary becauſe the act, in order to collect the money with which to pay for the erection and the maintenance of the improvement, laid a tonnage duty on ſhips paſſing into the *Cheſapeake* Bay. It thus entered a ſphere of taxation not indubitably within the province of the General Aſſembly.

Much of the time of the Aſſembly from the 8th of *April* till the cloſe of the ſeſſion was taken up in a very unuſual manner, namely, with the conſideration of the action taken by the king in regard to the ſixty-ſeven acts paſſed by the Aſſembly of 1748–9. In 1745 a committee had been appointed by the General Aſſembly to reviſe the laws of the Colony. This committee reporting its work in the ſhape of bills ready for the action of the Aſſembly of 1748, that Aſſembly ſpent almoſt its entire time for one of the longeſt ſeſſions on record in conſidering and paſſing them. The work was completed in 1749, and it being thought that ſufficient time had been given for the king in council to diſallow any of the acts to which objection might be had, they were printed early in the year 1752. In fact, however, the king did diſallow ten of them, a proclamation giving

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4 See p. 81.

5 Manuſcript Journal of the Council, in the Virginia State Library.

6 Hening, VI, 229.

this intelligence being iſſued by Governor *Dinwiddie* on the 8th of *April*. The ſame day the General Aſſembly was officially informed of his majeſty's deciſion. The information created no little conſternation, for ſome of the acts (notably one for regulating the proceedings in the General Court) were of the moſt vital importance, and, furthermore, the effect of the repeal would, it was ſeen by the members, be to bring into operation many laws which it had been thought were ſuperſeded.[7] But even more embarraſſing than the repeal of the ten was the affixing of the royal ſignature to the remaining fifty-ſeven. For when a law finally received the ſanction of the king, it could not be amended except with a clauſe attached to the new act ſuſpending its execution till it was approved by his majeſty, whereas uſually a law went into effect from paſſage or at a date ſet in the law itſelf. Accordingly it was, in the thought of the *Virginia* people, greatly to their advantage that the royal ſignature be withheld, ſince thus the laws might be altered quickly to ſuit changes in conditions. When laws were diſallowed, they could not be re-enacted except by ſpecial permiſſion of the king given after full hearing in council. Thus either kind of action by the king made for delay. It alſo occaſioned expenſe, evidence not being wanting in this Journal that the king's miniſters knew how to reap pecuniary gain from their nearneſs to the throne.[8]

In the emergency there was no diviſion of ſentiment whatever between the two chambers of the Aſſembly. A joint committee was at once appointed to conſider what ought to be done. In accordance with the recommendation of this committee, a bill was at once introduced to declare valid the "proceſs and proceedings of the General Court between the commencement and repealing of the act intituled An act for eſtabliſhing the General Court and for regulating and ſettling the proceedings therein." This bill paſſed both houſes the ſame day and was at once ſigned by the governor. Later a ſtrong preſentation[9] was drawn up by the two houſes of the reaſons for paſſing the ten acts (that is, eight of them, the repeal of the remaining two being acquieſced in) and of the inconvenience of the rule in reference to acts finally ratified by the king. Each houſe preſented an addreſs to the governor aſking his aſſiſtance in getting their repreſentation properly before the king, and to each he promiſed to do his utmoſt in the matter.

All through the firſt ſeſſion of the Aſſembly the greateſt good feeling exiſted between the Governor and the Houſe of Burgeſſes; ſo much ſo that toward the cloſe of the ſeſſion the Houſe paſſed a reſolution giving the governor, in appreciation of his attitude, the large ſum of five hundred pounds as a preſent. The reſolution was promptly agreed to by the Council.[10]

Second Seſſion.

The General Aſſembly at its firſt ſeſſion was prorogued to meet again the laſt *Thurſday* of the ſame year. The meeting was, however, put off by ſeveral prorogations till *November* 1, 1753, when the Aſſembly convened purſuant to proclamation by the governor iſſued by ſpecial command of the king in order that meaſures might be concerted to thwart the deſigns of the *French* in reference to occupying the *Ohio* Valley, in which territory they had already built a fort and were puſhing on to build others at points of vantage. The Aſſembly was aſked to vote ſuch a ſupply of money as might ſeem proper. In addition, the governor urged that the militia law be reviſed, he having himſelf, in order to render the militia more efficient, divided *Virginia* into four diſtricts, and appointed an adjutant in each, who was to inſtruct the officers of militia in the duties of their poſition.[11] The ſpeech further drew attention to the bad account had from home of the price of tobacco, and of its poor quality

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[7] The number was later found to be twenty. See p. 129.

[8] See p. 46, Petition of John Tayloe.

[9] Hening, V, 432–443. The original preſentation is in a MS. Journal of the Council preſerved in the Virginia State Library.

[10] The Journal ſhows concluſively that thoſe writers who maintain that Dinwiddie was unpopular in Virginia from the very beginning of his term of office are in error.

[11] Waſhington was one of theſe adjutants.

owing to inadequate inſpection, and gave the good news that the effect of the Aſſembly's addreſs of the former ſeſſion in reference to the king's action on the reviſed laws was to cauſe his majeſty to ſend an inſtruction to his governor in *Virginia* to give his aſſent to two of the laws formerly repealed. Theſe two laws were the one for eſtabliſhing the General Court and for regulating and ſettling the proceedings therein, and the one concerning ſervants and ſlaves—the moſt important of thoſe repealed. The Aſſembly promptly paſſed them over again with ſlight changes here and there. It is of ſome intereſt to note that on their paſſage this time they were acted on by the Council firſt and ſent by that body to the Houſe, the uſual procedure being the reverſe of this.

Becauſe of the gloomy conditions ſet forth in the addreſs the "tobacco law" took up even more than the uſual proportional time of the Houſe,[12] and the reſult was the amendment of the law, but in what would ſeem to be only very unimportant particulars.[13]

The meaſures taken to reſiſt the encroachments of the *French* were inadequate and diſappointing. The only thing done was to add five years to the term of exemption of thoſe ſettling on the waters of the *Miſſiſſippi* from pariſh, county, and public levies,[14] and to continue a law, which was already in exiſtence but which would ſhortly expire, for making proviſion againſt invaſion and inſurrection, according to the terms of which the governor could in caſe of invaſion raiſe a ſufficient force from the militia to repel it, which force was to be paid by the public but could not be marched beyond the limits of the Colony. It was alſo reſolved by the Houſe in committee of the whole[15] that an addreſs be drawn up to the king aſking that he be pleaſed to grant his lands to the weſtward of the mountains in ſmall parcels exempt from the payment of quit-rents for the term of ten years, as this would be an encouragement to foreign Proteſtants to ſettle thereon, and "thereby be the moſt effectual means of ſecuring our frontiers and cultivating a friendſhip with the *Indians*." Over the quit-rents the Aſſembly had no control. According to the laws already referred to ſuch ſettlers were not to be required to pay county, pariſh, or public levies.

The failure of the Aſſembly to do more in the emergency is to be accounted for by an unfortunate diſpute that had ariſen between the governor and the Houſe of Burgeſſes in reſpect to the payment of a piſtole[16] as a fee to the governor on the iſſue of a patent for land at the ſecretary's office. According to a ſtatement made in a letter written by *Richard Bland*, then a member of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, to a correſpondent in *England*,[17] when *Dinwiddie* came to *Virginia* there were in the ſecretary's office nearly a thouſand patents made out ready to be paſſed under the ſeal, and more than that number of ſurveyors' certificates for land in connection with which all the preliminary ſteps had been taken and for which, therefore, patents ought to have been iſſued long before. Governor *Dinwiddie*, ſeeing in this ſituation the chance to reap a rich harveſt in a manner not in contravention of his inſtructions or oppoſed to the law, and in a manner to which he miſtakenly thought that the people would not very ſeriouſly object, announced that a fee of a piſtole muſt be paid before he would attach his ſignature to the patent ſo that it might paſs under the ſeal. The order raiſed a ſtorm; and the feeling againſt the governor was very much inflamed by the fact that the order was not given until the cloſe of the firſt ſeſſion of the Aſſembly, after the paſſage of the reſolution, "That the ſum of five hundred pounds be given to the Honourable *Robert Dinwiddie*, Eſq.; and that he be deſired to accept the ſame as a grateful acknowledgement for his regard to the intereſt and welfare of this Colony." As long as the General Aſſembly was ſitting, applicants had been told that no patents would be ſigned till the cloſe of the ſeſſion; and then they were met for the firſt time with the order. The members of the Houſe of Burgeſſes felt

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[12] See pp. 115, 133, 134, 142, 146, 149, 150, 151, 153, 155, 158, 159, 160, 161, 170.

[13] Hening, VI, 351–353.

[14] Hening, VI, 355–356.

[15] See pp. 115, 116.

[16] A Spaniſh coin worth about $3.50.

[17] See "A Fragment on the Piſtole Fee, claimed by the Governour of Virginia," by Richard Bland, edited by W. C. Ford, p. 32.

that they had been hoodwinked by the profeffions of the governor in reference to the king's repeal of the laws into voting a large fum as a prefent to a man whofe main intereft in the Colony arofe from his defire for perfonal gain. Bitternefs againft the man was added to oppofition to the meafure. The matter came regularly before the Houfe on petition from freeholders of various counties complaining of the impofition. One of the petitions came from inhabitants of *Dinwiddie* County, a county which had been formed by the General Affembly at its firft feffion and named in honor of the governor. Thefe petitions, fuch was the intereft felt in their fubject matter, were not referred to the committee of propofitions and grievances, but at once to a committee of the whole houfe.[18] In due courfe and through the proper channel the governor was afked by the Houfe whether the demand for the fee was made by his order, and if fo what was his authority for giving the order.[19] The fubftance of the governor's reply was that he had given the order in accordance with the authority granted him in his inftructions from the home government and with the advice of the Council.[20] The reply alfo intimated that the matter was not one with which the Houfe of Burgeffes could conftitutionally deal. In a fecond addrefs the Houfe maintained that it was the undoubted right of the Houfe to inquire into the grievances of the people; that the rights of the fubjects of the king in *Virginia* were fo fecured that they could not be deprived of the leaft part of their property but by their own confent; and that the demand of a piftole as a fee, not being in accord with any eftablifhed law, was a grievance highly to be complained of.[21] The governor refponded[22] that "the eftablifhment of the fee complained of relates folely to the difpofal of the king's land, and which, it is conceived, may be deemed a matter of favour from the crown, and not a matter relative to the adminiftration of government." On receipt of this fecond reply, the Houfe paffed a refolution, "That whoever fhall hereafter pay a piftole as a fee to the governor for the ufe of the feal to patents for lands fhall be deemed a betrayer of the rights and privileges of the people."[23] The determination was reached by the Houfe to appeal to the crown, and to fend as fpecial agent to profecute the appeal the attorney general of *Virginia*, M^r *Peyton Randolph*, who was to be paid £. 2,500 for his fervices[24] and who was empowered to felect a permanent agent for the Colony at a falary of £. 200 *per annum*. Two addreffes to the king were drawn up (the firft of which, as a matter of form, was fent to the Council for its concurrence, which, of courfe, was not given) and a fet of reafons in fupport of the independent addrefs. The two addreffes and the reafons for making them were not fpread upon the Journal, for no doubt they, efpecially the fet of "reafons," contained, in addition to figures as to patents and prophecies as to the effect of the fee, reflections upon the motives of the governor, which, though the Houfe felt juftified in making them, it did not wifh the governor to fee, and this he would have done had they been put in the Journal, it being one of the duties of the governor to tranfmit to *England* a copy of the Journal of the Houfe of Burgeffes at the clofe of each feffion. Then, too, coming in this way firft to the notice of the authorities at home, the reflections might be confidered as difrefpectful to his majefty's reprefentative in *Virginia* and fo in a fenfe to his majefty himfelf. They would thus be prejudicial to the caufe. However this may be, not only were the papers not tranfcribed into the Journal but great care was taken to prevent the governor's feeing copies of them. He did, however, get a copy of the reafons from a "private friend," as he expreffed it, on the 8th of *February*—the paper was adopted by the Houfe on the 18th of *December*—and he immediately wrote M^r *James Abercromby*, who at that time was his agent in *England* and who later became the agent of the *Virginia* Council alfo, faying, "Their reafons are actually inconfiftent with truth. It furprifed me that a legiflative body could have the affurance to let them go under their

[18] See p. 129.
[19] See p. 136.
[20] See p. 141.
[21] See p. 143.
[22] See p. 154.
[23] See p. 155.
[24] See p. 168.

name."[25] The Houſe alſo drew up an addreſs to the king ſetting forth why it had appointed the king's attorney general to "ſolicit the affairs" of the Colony in *Great Britain*, and praying that his majeſty would be graciouſly pleaſed to continue him in his office. The next day after this reſolution was paſſed, the Houſe was prorogued.

In this diſpute *Dinwiddie* was technically in the right. Such lands of *Virginia* as had not been taken up were in theory the property of the king, ſubject only to regulations made by the king himſelf or his agents, and beyond the control of *Virginia*'s legiſlative aſſembly. The fee was ill adviſed but not illegal. The whole ſituation is well enough deſcribed (from *Dinwiddie*'s ſtandpoint) in a letter written by *Dinwiddie* to *James Abercromby*, *April* 26, 1754. He ſays: "If I had known that this affair would have created ſo much uneaſineſs to me and trouble to my friends at home, I would not have taken that fee; but when it was eſtabliſhed by the Council here, and approved by the Lords for Trade, I could not in honor to the Board ſubmit to the unjuſt clamors of our Houſe of Burgeſſes, who, by the opinion of Sir *Dudley Rider*, had no cognizance of it."[26] It is probable that the Board of Trade allowed the fee owing to *Dinwiddie*'s repreſentations that his plan (which contemplated not only the taking of the fee for himſelf but alſo the prevention of fraudulent delay in application for patents by thoſe enjoying the uſe of land under mere ſurveyors' warrants but paying no quit-rents ſince the lands had not yet actually been patented) would reſult in the great augmentation of the revenue going to the king. On the other hand, it is hard to ſee how the Houſe of Burgeſſes, the guardians of the intereſts of the people, could have failed to complain of the fee, though not of the other features of the regulations. The impoſition was beyond doubt unuſual and burdenſome. Their arguments may not have fitted conditions as they were, for the king owned the land; but they fitted conditions as they ought to have been. The arguments looked to the future. In other words, this conteſt was merely an incident in the long conflict between prerogative and popular control which ended in the victory of the latter in the ſtormy days of the Revolutionary War. But even as it was, *Dinwiddie*'s victory was by no means a ſweeping one when the caſe was finally diſpoſed of by the king in council. It was decided that *Dinwiddie* was right in principle, but the Board of Trade was ordered to iſſue regulations for his future conduct in regard to the whole matter; and this body ordered[27] that no fee be taken for a patent iſſued for leſs than 100 acres, or from families imported, or on lands to the weſt of the mountains, or on land the preliminary ſteps for getting patents to which had been taken before the 22d of *April*, 1752 (when his firſt order in reference to the fee was announced at the ſecretary's office), that a patent ſhould not be given for a larger body of land than 1,000 acres, and that the attorney general ſhould be reinſtated in office.

Third Seſſion.

The Aſſembly at its ſecond ſeſſion was prorogued to meet on the laſt *Thurſday* in the following *April*; but the third ſeſſion actually began the 14th of *February*, the Aſſembly having been hurriedly called together by the governor when *George Waſhington* reported to *Dinwiddie* the reſult of his famous miſſion to the *French* commandant in the diſputed territory in the *Ohio* Valley. The Aſſembly was aſked to vote a ſupply for the puſpoſe of aiding in ſupporting the claims of the king. *Dinwiddie*'s plans were admirable,[28] and his energy in the criſis beyond all praiſe, but his unfortunate piſtole fee order having rendered him *perſona non grata* to the Houſe, at the very time at which harmony was ſo much needed in the Colony there were, inſtead, diſtruſt and divided counſels. The Aſſembly did, indeed, vote a ſupply of £. 10,000, but the amount was ridiculouſly ſmall; it did make a few changes in the law governing the militia, but not ſufficient to render that body effective in the trying times to come. The ſupply was voted in an act having the title "An act for the encouragement and protection of the ſettlers upon the waters of the *Miſſiſſippi*."

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[25] Dinwiddie Papers, I, 72.
[26] Dinwiddie Papers, I, 137.
[27] Dinwiddie Papers, I, 370–375.
[28] Dinwiddie Papers, Vol. 1, *paſſim*, particularly pp. 98, 99.

It provided that the treaſurer ſhould be empowered to borrow £. 10,000 at 6 *per cent.* intereſt, to be expended in giving this protection, and that a fund for the repayment of the amount borrowed, with the intereſt, ſhould be raiſed by placing an additional duty of 5 *per cent.* on ſlaves imported, and by taxes on vehicles, on licenſes of ordinaries and on various legal papers, the ſaid revenues to remain as a ſecurity for the repayment of the amount borrowed.[29] The law named a committee of directors who "ſhall, from time to time, with the conſent and approbation of the governor or commander in chief, for the time being, direct and appoint how the ſaid money ſhall be applied, towards the protecting and defending his majeſty's ſubjects, who are now ſettled, or hereafter ſhall ſettle, on the river *Miſſiſſippi*, and that the ſaid directors ſhall, as often as there ſhall be occaſion of money for uſe of the aforeſaid, apply themſelves to the governor, or commander in chief for the time being, to iſſue out his warrants to the ſaid treaſurer to pay ſo much money as ſhall be wanting for the purpoſes aforeſaid, who is hereby required to pay the ſame, accordingly."[30] This part of the law *Dinwiddie* vigorouſly oppoſed as being an encroachment upon his right as the king's repreſentative, and his duty according to his inſtructions, to have entire charge of the expenditure of the money raiſed by the act.[31] What the governor ſaid was probably true. There was, no doubt, an encroachment on the prerogative. The Houſe, however, could plead as a precedent the law of 1746 for raiſing £. 4,000 to be uſed in an expedition againſt *Canada*. In this law a ſimilar committee was provided;[32] and the Houſe was now more determined than ever before to inſiſt on maintaining the general principle that agents appointed by the General Aſſembly itſelf ſhould ſupervise the expenditure of money raiſed in the Colony. Since money could be had on no other terms, *Dinwiddie* was compelled to give way, and to ſign the bill with this feature incorporated. In writing to the Lords of Trade an account of the work of the ſeſſion, *Dinwiddie* ſaid that the only thing which kept him from diſſolving the Aſſembly, ſo monſtrous was the encroachment on the prerogative, was the hope of getting from *England* an order to diſſolve it by proclamation, which would be a ſeverer rebuke for its conduct than the mere diſſolution by the governor.[33]

This third ſeſſion is further intereſting on account of the evidence given in the Journal that the Houſe of Burgeſſes inſiſted as a general thing on originating all bills. On the 19th of *February*[34] a bill paſſed by the Council entitled "An act for the regulation of the militia" was ſent over to the Houſe for its action. The Houſe conſidered the bill in committee of the whole, and reſolved to conſider it further the next day. However, before taking up the matter in committee of the whole, the Houſe the next day reſolved to relieve that committee of further conſideration of the bill, and ordered that a bill of its own be brought in, a committee being appointed for that purpoſe. The bill ſo ordered was in courſe of time reported, and was finally paſſed by both houſes—the ineffectual meaſure referred to above.

Fourth Seſſion.

The capitulation of *Waſhington* at Fort *Neceſſity* on *July* 4, 1754, occaſioned the calling together of the Aſſembly for its fourth ſeſſion. The ſeſſion began *Auguſt* 22 and ended *September* 5. For the firſt week of the ſeſſion the greateſt harmony prevailed. The governor ſet forth in his opening addreſs the abſolute neceſſity of the vote of a large ſum at once, and the Houſe replied that it could be depended upon to do its duty in the emergency. With the request of the Houſe that he lay before it copies of papers in his poſſeſſion relating to the expedition againſt the *French*, the governor complied at once, being profuſely thanked by the Houſe for his "conde-

[29] Hening, VI, 417–420.
[30] Hening, VI, 418.
[31] Dinwiddie Papers, I, 98.
[32] Hening, V, 402.
[33] Dinwiddie Papers, I, 161.
[34] See p. 181.

ſcenſion" in doing ſo. A bill was drawn up for raiſing £. 20,000 for the purpoſes of the campaign by means of a poll tax. Affairs progreſſed ſmoothly till the 31ſt of *Auguſt*, when there was added to this bill a clauſe to the effect that the £.2,500 voted by the Houſe at the ſecond ſeſſion of the Aſſembly to Mr *Peyton Randolph* for acting as agent for the Houſe in *England* in the matter of the piſtole fee ſhould be paid out of the funds to be raiſed in accordance with this act. In this ſhape the bill paſſed the Houſe.[35] The proviſion contained in the rider the Council had already refuſed to agree to, and could not now, even in the critical ſituation on the frontiers, be forced to accept. Accordingly the whole bill failed. If the Council had not rejected it, the governor would himſelf have withheld his ſignature, as he ſays in a letter to Sir *Thomas Robinſon*, Secretary of State, dated *September* 23, 1754.[36] He had the expedition ſo much at heart, however, that he promiſed that if the Houſe would paſs a ſupply bill in which the ſubject matter of the rider was not incorporated, he would ſign a bill for the payment of the £. 2,500, with the proviſo attached that the act was not to go into effect till the king's pleaſure should be known in reference to it. This compromiſe was not accepted and thereupon the Aſſembly was prorogued.

The former contention of the Houſe that the ſalary of *Peyton Randolph* as agent could conſtitutionally be paid by the treaſurer on the mere reſolution of the Houſe was clearly an untenable one, all reſolutions involving the payment of money requiring the concurrence both of the Council and of the governor; and adding to the ſupply bill the proviſion for the payment of the ſalary was an admiſſion of this fact. The Houſe had gotten itſelf into an embarraſſing poſition, having promiſed £. 2,500 to an agent for the performance of what ſeemed a public ſervice, and was willing to go to any length in order to ſecure the money. It cannot be defended, however, in the final ſtand taken. The ſituation upon the frontiers was too ſerious.

Fifth Seſſion.

On the day appointed in the ſpeech of prorogation made at the cloſe of the preceding ſeſſion, namely, the 17th of *October*, the General Aſſembly came together for its fifth ſeſſion. After calling attention in a very emphatic way to the precarious condition of the country, the governor in his opening addreſs was able to give the gratifying intelligence that the king had ſent £. 10,000 ſterling in ſpecie, beſides military ſtores, for uſe in the protection of the Colony. The members of the Houſe had had time, too, to think of what muſt have ſeemed to them their headſtrong conduct in the preceding ſeſſion of the Aſſembly. It is alſo probable that at the opening of this ſeſſion—certainly very ſoon after the opening—the verdict of the king in council in reference to the piſtole fee was known, and alſo the regulations which, in accordance with the verdict, had been made by the Board of Trade. Though the governor had been upheld in the main, the contentions of the Houſe had not been abſolutely ignored. All theſe things united to make the Houſe more manageable. It promptly paſſed a bill for raiſing by means of a poll tax £. 20,000 for the protection of the frontiers;[37] and, though it would not at the ſuggeſtion of the governor paſs a bill for drafting into the ſervice every tenth man of the militia,[38] it did paſs one compelling able-bodied men who had no viſible means of ſupport to ſerve as ſoldiers. Both theſe bills became laws.[39] The moſt powerful member of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, namely, Speaker *Robinſon*, who was at the ſame time treaſurer, waited on the governor, acknowledged the former ill-conduct of the Houſe toward him, and begged pardon.[40] Harmony in great meaſure prevailed, except that the Houſe and Council could not agree on the wording of an addreſs to the king.

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[35] See p. 201.
[36] Dinwiddie Papers, I, 324.
[37] Hening, VI, 435–438.
[38] Dinwiddie Papers, I, 405.
[39] Hening, VI, 435–440.
[40] Dinwiddie Papers, I, 376.

This ſeſſion is further noteworthy becauſe in it an unuſual order was paſſed directing the public printer to print for circulation among the members of the Houſe a bill for the improvement for the ſtaple of tobacco.[41] This is a very early example of ſuch treatment of a bill, the uſe of the printing preſs being by no means extenſive at that time. The order to print was occaſioned by the fact that it became known to the Houſe that the Aſſembly would be prorogued before the date ſet for conſideration of the bill in committee of the whole. It was thought deſirable for members to have an opportunity of ſtudying the proviſions of the bill during the approaching receſs.

Sixth Seſſion.

The ſixth ſeſſion of the Aſſembly began on the firſt of *May*, 1755, and ended on the 9th of *July*. The ſeſſion was not a continuous one, however, a receſs having been taken from *June* 2 to *June* the 24th.[42] It ſeems that at that time the device of a ſpeaker *pro tempore* was not known in *Virginia*, and a miſfortune in Speaker *Robinſon*'s family that made it highly inconvenient for him to attend the meetings of the Houſe reſulted in an order from the governor on the 2d of *June*, even at a time when diſpatch was moſt neceſſary in the buſineſs of the Aſſembly, that each branch ſhould adjourn itſelf till the 24th.

In his opening addreſs the governor had the pleaſure of announcing that General *Braddock* had been ſent from *England* with four regiments to drive the *French* from the *Ohio* Valley. It was for the purpoſe of raiſing men and money to aſſiſt in this movement that the Aſſembly had been called together by ſpecial inſtruction to the governor from *England*. The greater part of the addreſs was accordingly taken up with this matter. There was one other feature, however, to which attention may be called as illuſtrating one of the ſources of law-making in *Virginia*, namely, ſuggeſtion from the king. In a law paſſed in 1748 having the title "An act declaring the laws concerning execution and for the relief of inſolvent debtors," the rate of exchange between *Virginia* current money and ſterling money in judgments for ſterling had been fixed at 1.25. The *Engliſh* merchants complaining that this was unfair to them, the king was prevailed upon to ſend an inſtruction to the governor of *Virginia* to recommend to the Aſſembly that the law in that reſpect be amended. Hence *Dinwiddie* in his opening addreſs laid before the Aſſembly the commands of the king; and the Aſſembly, in accordance therewith, proceeded to amend the law. It was, after much time ſpent in conſideration, enacted that in actions for the recovery of ſterling money in which the plaintiff was ſucceſsful the court ſhould have power to fix the rate of exchange.[43]

This ſeſſion of the Aſſembly was a very buſy one, as much routine buſineſs which had been poſtponed at the two or three immediately preceding ſeſſions had to be attended to. Accordingly all the uſual committees for the digeſtion of matters before they were finally acted on by the whole Houſe were appointed. M[r] *Peyton Randolph* had returned from *England* and taken his ſeat in the Houſe. He had alſo made his peace with the governor,[44] who, in accordance with inſtructions from home, had reappointed him attorney-general. Since acceptance of an office under government by a member of the Houſe neceſſitated a new election in order that the member's conſtituents be given a chance to expreſs their approval or diſapproval, one of the firſt acts of the Houſe at this ſeſſion was to order that an addreſs be made to the governor aſking him to have the corporation of *William* and *Mary* College, for which *Randolph* ſat, elect a repreſentative.[45] The formality of re-electing *Randolph* was, no doubt, gone through with by the college, though there is no record of it. He certainly kept his ſeat, and was one of the moſt active members of the Houſe. On *May* the 12th M[r] *Randolph* made a report of the manner in which he had diſcharged the duties of the agency to which he had been

[41] See p. 224.
[42] See p. 276.
[43] Hening, VI, 479.
[44] Dinwiddie Papers, I, 506, 507.
[45] See p. 233.

appointed by the Houſe, and of the reſults accompliſhed. For the faithful diſcharge of the truſt repoſed in him he was given a unanimous vote of thanks. It is much to be doubted if his reward for his exertions in *England* was ever more ſubſtantial than this. The attempt to carry proviſion for payment of his ſalary through the Aſſembly as a rider to the ſupply bill in the 4th ſeſſion failed. The treaſurer of the Colony, who at firſt ſaid that he would pay the ſalary on the mere reſolution of the Houſe, probably receded from this poſition when he reflected that his accounts had to be paſſed upon by the Council as well as by the Houſe, and that the appointment of the treasurer was by an act of the whole Aſſembly (counting *Dinwiddie* as one of the three branches, as *Dinwiddie* was ſo fond of deſcribing himſelf). Moreover, the appointment of a treaſurer would come up again when a new Aſſembly ſhould be choſen, and the governor had the right to diſſolve one Aſſembly and call together a new when he thought proper. The governor was too powerful to be lightly croſſed. At any rate, Speaker *Robinſon* had already, even before *Randolph*'s return from *England*, made his peace with him. And at the opening ſeſſion of the next General Aſſembly *Robinſon* was promptly re-elected ſpeaker by the Houſe of Burgeſſes and treaſurer by the whole Aſſembly.

The bill for the improvement of the ſtaple of tobacco, twice read in the fourth ſeſſion of the Aſſembly, and on *October* 28, 1754, ordered to its third reading "*Saturday* Se'ennight,"[46] and on the impending prorogation of the Aſſembly ordered to be printed, was on the 14th of *May* read a third time and put upon its paſſage, when it was rejected. A new bill was brought in, however, received the uſual amount of attention accorded all tobacco bills, and was finally paſſed.[47] The law of 1748 for reſtraining vagrants and making proviſion for the poor not proving ſufficiently effective in dealing with the great increaſe in theſe claſſes ſince the beginning of the troubles on the frontiers, it was found neceſſary by the Aſſembly to devote ſome of its time at this ſeſſion to deviſing new remedies. The moſt intereſting feature of the law paſſed was the authorization given to veſtries to cauſe workhouſes to be built for the purpoſe of making proper diſpoſition of the poor.[48] Of other laws of a general nature paſſed at this ſeſſion not connected with the trouble on the frontiers the moſt important were, 1ſt, the law prohibiting the inſpectors of tar, pitch, and turpentine from purchaſing thoſe commodities; 2nd, a law for preſerving the breed of ſheep againſt dogs; 3rd, a law for eſtabliſhing pilots and regulating their fees.[49]

But the moſt important meaſures were thoſe paſſed with the object of getting men and money with which to aid General *Braddock* in driving the *French* from the *Ohio* Valley and to protect the frontiers from the *French* and *Indians*, who when *Braddock* was on his march to Fort *Duqueſne*, were, in order probably to create a diverſion, proving unuſually active in making attacks on the ſettlements. The Aſſembly, while not meeting the full requirements of the ſituation, ſtill did much. Ten thouſand pounds (in addition to the £. 20,000 provided for at the preceding meeting of the Aſſembly) was to be raiſed for the expedition, £. 2,000 for enliſting rangers to protect the frontier, and £. 600 for garriſoning Fort *Cumberland*, ſtripped by *Braddock* of both regulars and provincials when he marched to the northweſt. The money was to be raiſed by a poll tax on negro tithables (all negroes, both male and female, above 16 years of age), a land tax of 15*d*. on every hundred acres, an additional tax of 10 *per cent.* on negroes imported, an additional duty on rum, and by a lottery to be drawn the following *December*. As gold and ſilver were ſcarce and the money to be raiſed by the taxes impoſed could not become immediately available, legal tender treaſury notes, not to exceed £. 20,000, were to be emitted, redeemable on the laſt day of *June*, 1756, and bearing five *per cent.* intereſt from the date of iſſue.[50]

[46] See p. 221.
[47] See p. 283; Hening, VI, 472–475.
[48] Hening, VI, 476.
[49] Hening, VI, 484–491.
[50] See pp. 232–294; Hening, VI, 453–472.

Seventh Seſſion.

In his addreſs at the cloſe of the ſixth ſeſſion, the governor, after returning to the Aſſembly his ſincere thanks for the various ſupplies granted, had continued as follows: "Gentlemen, I am in great hopes, before this, that General *Braddock* is in poſſeſſion of the Fort on the *Ohio* that the French took from us laſt ſummer....." The ſpeech was made the 9th of *July*. At that very hour *Braddock*'s army was being annihilated. When the full force of the diſaſter was appreciated in *Williamſburg*, the governor immediately called the Aſſembly together for its ſeventh ſeſſion, which extended from *Auguſt* 5 to *Auguſt* 23. The Aſſembly did, and did promptly, everything that could be expected of it. It at once paſſed an act for raiſing £. 40,000 for the protection of the frontiers by laying a poll tax of one ſhilling a year for four years on every tithable perſon (that is, every white male over 18 and every colored perſon, whether male or female, over 16 years of age) in the Colony, and a land tax of 15*d*. a year for four years on each 100 acres of land. The expenditure of the money was to be under the ſuperviſion of a committee named in the act. The forces in the pay of the Colony were, including the three companies of rangers and the garriſon of Fort *Cumberland*, to be increaſed to 1,200 men, who were to be ſecured firſt by voluntary enliſtment, and, if this proved inſufficient, by drafts from the militia of unmarried men. As in the preceding ſeſſion, in order to anticipate the collection of the taxes, which were themſelves diſtributed through four years, treaſury notes to the amount of £. 40,000 were to be iſſued within the next year, redeemable the 30th of *June*, 1760, bearing 5 *per cent.* intereſt, receivable for all private debts and public dues except quit-rents and the poll and land taxes laid at the two immediately preceding ſeſſions of the Aſſembly. Theſe notes were to be ſecured and redeemed by the money coming into the treaſury as a reſult of the poll and land taxes laid by the act.[51] The militia law was alſo reviſed,[52] as was the law making proviſion againſt invaſion and inſurrection, the amendments to the latter law providing for much ſtricter diſcipline than had before been maintained in the militia when drawn into actual ſervice and in the regular forces in the pay of the Colony. In order to encourage the inhabitants of the Colony to meet the *Indians* with their own methods of warfare and, indeed, to cut them off before they had a chance to perpetrate their cruelties within the limits of the Colony, the Aſſembly, following the example ſet by the people of *New England*,[53] enacted a law that the ſum of £. 10 ſhould be paid for the ſcalp of a male *Indian* enemy above the age of twelve to any inhabitant of the Colony. In order to gain further the good will of the friendly *Indian* tribes, however, it was enacted in the ſame law that the malicious killing of any *Indian* belonging to a tribe in alliance with the *Engliſh* ſhould be treated as a felony, and the governor was deſired to ſend intelligence of this part of the act to the neighboring friendly *Indians*. The act was to be in force for two years if neceſſary.[54] A bill was introduced for the appointment of an agent in *England*, but it was evidently thought that the meaſure was inopportune, as it was defeated in the Houſe itſelf.[55] At the cloſe of the ſeſſion the governor could without feigning expreſs his great ſatisfaction at the unanimity ſhown by the Aſſembly in granting ſupplies.

Eighth Seſſion.

The militia law, however, and the one in reference to inſurrection and invaſion did not in the governor's eſtimation prove ſo effectual as had been hoped. Hence at the opening of the 8th ſeſſion of the Aſſembly, on *October* 27, the governor recommended that they be ſtill further improved. He alſo recommended the enactment of a law for puniſhing inhabitants of the Colony guilty of obſtructing the enliſtment of

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[51] Hening, VI, 521–530.
[52] Hening, VI, 530–544.
[53] See p. 298.
[54] Hening, VI, 550–552.
[55] See p. 314.

men to fill out the *Virginia* regiment; the extenſion to friendly *Indians* of the reward for ſcalps of hoſtile *Indians*; and the appointment of commiſſioners to a congreſs propoſed by General *Shirley* (at that time commander in chief of his majeſty's forces in *America*) of repreſentatives of all the colonies.

The laſt ſuggeſtion was acted on adverſely the day after the opening of the ſeſſion, the Houſe reſolving that ſending commiſſioners could do no good, as the Colony had already raiſed as many men as it was able to ſupport.[56] The ſuggeſtion in reference to granting rewards for hoſtile *Indian* ſcalps to friendly *Indians* was adopted and embodied in a law.[57] The militia law was not interfered with, but for the diſciplining of the forces in the pay of the Colony, and incidentally for the puniſhment of thoſe harboring deſerters, a law was paſſed with which *Dinwiddie* expreſſed himſelf as being pleaſed.[58] Such a law as this *George Waſhington*, in command of the *Virginia* regiment, had earneſtly pleaded for.[59]

But probably the moſt intereſting law paſſed at this ſeſſion was the one to enable the people to diſcharge their tobacco debts for the year 1755 in money at the rate of 16*s*. 8*d*. for 100 lbs. of tobacco. That was two pence a pound, and the act was popularly known, accordingly, as the "Two Penny Act." Rather, it was the firſt "Two Penny Act." Another was paſſed in 1758, and led to the famous Parſon's Cauſe.

On *November* 4 it was ordered by the Houſe "that leave be given to bring in a bill for ſupplying the deficiencies of the ſeveral funds for the protection of this Colony againſt the encroachments and depredations of the *French* and *Indians*, and for advancing and ſecuring the public credit." In due courſe the bill was brought in by the committee named to frame it, paſſed by the Houſe, and ſent to the Council. The Council rejected it, and on the ſame day *Dinwiddie* curtly diſſolved the Aſſembly. In a letter to Governor *Dobbs* of *North Carolina*,[60] *Dinwiddie* ſaid that the Houſe wiſhed by this bill to "ſet up a loan office and to emit £. 200,000 paper money." Writing to the Board of Trade,[61] he ſaid that the money was to be iſſued for eight years and without proper ſecurity. He had given his aſſent to the two former iſſues of paper money becauſe the emergency required it in each caſe and becauſe each iſſue was for a ſhort period and well ſecured; but ſuch an iſſue as the one then contemplated he thought would be pernicious to the credit of the country. He ſays, further, that the members had become very irregular in their attendance on the meetings of the Houſe, and that they had begun "again to be troubleſome and factious." Therefore he had determined to diſſolve the Aſſembly and take his chances with new members.[62]

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[56] See p. 321.

[57] Hening, VI, 564–565.

[58] Hening, VI, 559–564; Dinwiddie Papers, II, 266.

[59] See Waſhington's letter to Dinwiddie dated October 11, 1755, Ford's Writings of George Waſhington, I, 194.

[60] Dinwiddie Papers, II, 266.

[61] Dinwiddie Papers, II, 269.

[62] A confirmation of Dinwiddie's aſſertion that they were becoming troubleſome and, in Dinwiddie's view, diſreſpectful is ſeen on page 328, where it is reported that the ſergeant at arms of the Houſe was ordered to go with the mace into the General Court and compel members of the Houſe to attend their duty.

Aſſembly of 1756-1758.

Firſt Seſſion.

THIS Aſſembly met in its firſt ſeſſion on *March* 25, 1756, and continued in ſeſſion till *May* 5. Eighty-five members were preſent of a poſſible 104. Six new counties having been formed by the preceding General Aſſembly, each being entitled to two repreſentatives, the total membership of the Houſe was greater by twelve in 1756 than it had been in 1752.

It had been *Dinwiddie*'s hope in ordering a general election that there might be a conſiderable change in the memberſhip of the Houſe, and a compariſon of the liſts of members of the Houſe for the 8th ſeſſion of the Aſſembly of 1752–55 and the firſt ſeſſion of the Aſſembly of 1756–58 ſhows a change of about thirty-eight *per cent.* The old leaders, however, were returned, and it may be doubted if the change in perſonnel was of any great advantage to the governor in his efforts to control the Houſe. That branch was ſcarcely more docile than before, inſiſting upon ſerving the country according to its own ideas. It refuſed to ſend men to take part in the *Crown Point* expedition, though urged to do ſo, pleading that the danger at home was too preſſing; it inſiſted on paſſing a bill for the appointment of an agent in *England*, a meaſure to which the governor was greatly oppoſed, not ſympathizing with the deſire of the Houſe for an agent in naming whom it ſhould have ſome part and over whom it accordingly ſhould have control; it offended the governor greatly, as did the former Houſe, by ſending the ſergeant at arms with his mace within the bar of the General Court and compelling certain officials of that court who were members of the Houſe to attend its meetings; and it ſpent a great deal of time in the conſideration of the objectionable plan for the eſtabliſhment of a loan office and the iſſue of £. 200,000 in treaſury notes.

At the opening of the ſeſſion only one of the uſual ſtanding committees—that on privileges and elections—was named, the Houſe indicating in this way its intention to attend to only the moſt urgent buſiness. The moſt important act paſſed was "An act for raiſing the ſum of twenty-five thouſand pounds for the better protection of the inhabitants on the frontiers of this Colony, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned." The act provided for the laying of a tax of one ſhilling on each tithable in the Colony each year for three years and a tax of one ſhilling in the ſame way on every hundred acres of land. The expenditure of the money was to be, as provided for in former ſimilar acts, under the ſuperviſion of a committee named in the act. The forces in the pay of the Colony were to be increaſed to 1,500 men, the additional men to be obtained by voluntary enliſtment or by drafts from among the unmarried men of the militia. A chain of forts was to be erected for the protection of the frontiers. The taxes were to be anticipated by the emiſſion of treaſury notes ſimilar to thoſe of former acts and ſimilarly ſecured.[63]

This act paſſed the Houſe on *April* 24. On *April* 26 letters to Governor *Dinwiddie* from Colonel *Waſhington* and other officers of the forces on the frontiers ſetting forth the very alarming condition of affairs were ſent to the Houſe for its conſideration, with the requeſt that the Houſe uſe all poſſible diſpatch in the further tranſaction of buſineſs, and that in the meanwhile it allow ſuch of its members as were officers of the militia of the frontier counties to repair at once to their reſpective poſts.[64] Leave was at once given, and the Houſe ſet itſelf expeditiouſly to the taſk of perfecting a bill, already introduced, for further reviſing the law making proviſion againſt invaſions and inſurrections, ſo as beſt to meet the emergency preſented, the bill being earneſtly conſidered in committee of the whole houſe every day for a week, and finally paſſed by the Houſe on the following *Monday* (*May* 3) and by the Council the next day. The title of the

[63] Hening, VII, 9–20.

[64] See p. 384.

act as paſſed was "An act for amending the ſeveral acts for making proviſion againſt invaſions and inſurrections, and for amending and explaining an act paſſed this preſent ſeſſion of Aſſembly intituled An act for raiſing the ſum of £.25,000 for the better protection of the inhabitants on the frontiers of this Colony, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned." The militia having been ordered out by the governor to aſſiſt the regular provincial forces on the frontiers, it was the purpoſe of this act to render the militia ſomewhat more effective than it had so far been and to provide money for its pay. By it the officers were given power to impreſs neceſſary ſupplies and alſo neceſſary blackſmiths, wheelwrights, artificers, etc. The pay of the ſoldiers and artificers was fixed. New taxes, conſiſting of two ſhillings, or twenty pounds of tobacco, a year for three years, beginning in 1758, on each tithable perſon in the Colony, were laid, which were to be made immediately available by the iſſue of treaſury notes to the amount of £.30,000. A ſtrong fort was to be immediately erected at *Winchester*.[65] The proviſion for the building of this fort was contained in a clauſe tacked on to the bill juſt before it was paſſed by the Houſe on *May* 3, and was put in purſuant to recommendation made in letters from *Waſhington* and other officers to the governor, dated *April* 27, and laid before the Houſe on *May* 3. All this ſhows that the governor and both chambers of the Aſſembly were doing their very beſt to meet the emergency. The great alarm of the Houſe is reflected in a bill offered for ſuſpending the proceedings of all courts of law and equity for a certain time, which, having been prepared by a ſpecial committee appointed for the purpoſe, read in the Houſe and referred to another ſpecial committee, was finally ordered to its third reading.[66] The general alarm is alſo ſeen in the paſſage of an act for diſarming Papiſts and reputed Papiſts refuſing to take the oaths to the government. This act had been introduced even before the acute ſtage of alarm had been reached which followed the reception of the letters from the front. Proviſion had already been made in the very firſt act paſſed by the General Aſſembly, and duly ſigned by the governor on the 15th of *April*,[67] for the tranſportation to *England* of thoſe of the *Acadians* (about one thouſand in number) who on the eviction as a military neceſſity of that unhappy people from their former homes in *Nova Scotia* had been ſent to *Virginia*. The Houſe was determined, as was the whole Aſſembly, that the number of people in *Virginia* who on account of race or religion might under any circumſtances give countenance to the enemy ſhould be reduced to a minimum.

In order to gain the aſſiſtance of the *Cherokees*, with whom a treaty of alliance had been entered into by ſpecial commiſſioners (*Peter Randolph* and *William Byrd*, members of the Council) ſent out by Governor *Dinwiddie*, and who declared their willingneſs to ſend a body of warriors to *Virginia* were a fort erected in the *Cherokee* country for the defenſe of their women and children againſt the *French* and *French Indians* during the abſence of theſe warriors, the Houſe reſolved[68] that the fort ſhould be erected, and, further, that it would ſee that the amount up to £.2,000 expended in its erection, in exceſs of £.800 to be furniſhed by the governor from the £.10,000 formerly ſent by the king for the defenſe of the Colony, ſhould be paid.[69]

On *May* 2 (*Sunday*),[70] ſix days after the receipt by the Houſe of the alarming news from the frontier, an aſſociation was entered into by about one hundred gentlemen, with *Peyton Randolph* at their head, to march at their own expenſe to the aſſiſtance of the regular force and militia. Since *Randolph* had been named in the various acts for emitting treaſury notes as one of the two ſigners of the notes, it became neceſſary for the Aſſembly as one of its very laſt pieces of buſineſs at this ſeſſion to make additional proviſion for ſigning them. This was done in an act having the title "An act for granting protection to certain perſons and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.[71] The act alſo encouraged the formation of volunteer companies ſimilar to the one raiſed by

[65] Hening, VII, 26–33.

[66] See pp. 392–394.

[67] See p. 370.

[68] See p. 368.

[69] See pp. 368, 370, 372. The fort built in the Cherokee country in purſuance of this reſolution received the name, later on, of Fort Loudoun.

[70] Dinwiddie Papers, II, 411.

[71] Hening, VII, 57–59.

Randolph by granting certain privileges to thoſe who would join them. On the very day on which this act paſſed the Houſe the following ſignificant reſolution was adopted: "Reſolved, That twenty-five members be a ſufficient number to make an Houſe."[72] It was being found impoſſible to keep the Houſe together. Nearly all neceſſary buſineſs had been tranſacted, however, and the preſence of the members was more urgently needed elſewhere than at *Williamſburg*; accordingly the following day the Aſſembly was prorogued.

Second Seſſion.

At the cloſe of the firſt ſeſſion the date ſet for the ſecond meeting of the Aſſembly was the ſecond *Thurſday* in *October*. Before that time, however, though the activity of the *French* and *Indians* on the frontiers of *Virginia* had diminiſhed, and conſequently the great alarm of the inhabitants, events of a very diſquieting nature were taking place elſewhere in the inveſtment and ſubſequent capture by the *French* of *Oſwego*, on Lake *Ontario*. The Aſſembly was ſummoned to meet, therefore, on *September* 20. At this ſeſſion the Aſſembly tranſacted its buſineſs moſt expeditiouſly, ſo that a prorogation was poſſible on the 28th. Only three bills were paſſed, and of theſe the only one of hiſtorical importance was the one for raiſing recruits. The king of *England* had ordered that a regiment conſiſting of four batallions of one thouſand men each ſhould be raiſed in *America*, and for the purpoſe of raiſing *Virginia*'s quota of this force, known as the Royal *American* regiment, £.8,000 was appropriated. The ſum of £.2,000 was appropriated for garriſoning with *Britiſh* ſubjects the ſort built in the *Cherokee* country, the *Cherokees* themſelves having requeſted this ſo that a large body of their warriors might be ſent to *Virginia*; and an indefinite amount was voted for the maintenance of the *Indians* when they ſhould appear. Theſe various ſums were to be expended by the governor himſelf, unhampered by ſuch a committee as had been appointed in the various ſupply bills up to that time paſſed. The governor felt called upon, therefore, in his ſpeech of prorogation, to thank the Aſſembly not only for the diſpatch with which neceſſary buſineſs had been attended to but alſo for the confidence which had been repoſed in him.

Third Seſſion.

The Aſſembly came together for its third ſeſſion on *April* 14, 1757. At this ſeſſion, in addition to the meaſures which had to be concerted for carrying on the war, the particular affairs of the Colony, too long neglected in the intereſts of war meaſures, had to receive attention. The ſeſſion was therefore a long one, continuing till *June* 8, all the uſual committees of the Houſe being appointed, and a great deal of buſineſs tranſacted. In his opening addreſs the governor called attention to the very unſatisfactory condition of the finances of the Colony, the money formerly granted for raiſing and maintaining the forces in the pay of the Colony having been all expended and there being conſiderable arrears of pay due the troops. He intimated—no doubt, with pleaſure—that the methods deviſed by the Aſſembly for the expenditure of the public money by committees had not proved economical. He cloſed his addreſs by making publicly known to the members of the Aſſembly what he had been for ſome time diſcuſſing in private with his friends, namely, his contemplated reſignation, on account of impaired health, of the poſition he filled. The addreſs of the Houſe in reply, which was written by the governor's ſtalwart opponent in the diſpute over the piſtole fee, M[r] *Richard Bland*, and which was not only courteous but ſympathetic in tone, was illuſtrative of the kindlier feeling between the governor and the Houſe throughout this laſt ſeſſion of the Aſſembly held in *Dinwiddie*'s term of office. The relations between the two were much more harmonious than they had been ſince the firſt ſeſſion of the Aſſembly of 1752–55. No doubt *Dinwiddie*'s unremitting labors in behalf of *Virginia* in her period of trial were beginning to be appreciated, and to a certain extent his ability in queſtions of finance. Hence at the cloſe of the ſeſſion he was able to ſay in his addreſs of prorogation: "I return you my hearty thanks for

[72] See p. 394.

your dutiful obedience to his majeſty's commands, and for your ſtrict obſervance of what I recommended to you in my ſpeech on the opening of this ſeſſion"; and in a letter to *William Pitt*: "In juſtice to this dominion I muſt inform you they've been more attentive to his majeſty's commands and ſupporting his juſt rights than any other Colony on this continent."[73]

The moſt important act paſſed had the title "An act for granting an aid to his majeſty for the better protection of this Colony, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned." According to the proviſions of this act the regular force in the pay of the Colony was to be augmented to 1,270 men, to be raiſed by impreſſment of vagrants, and the drafting of able-bodied men from the militia. Two of the companies already in the pay of the colony were to be ſent to the aſſiſtance of *South Carolina*, then threatened with invaſion, and two companies of the men to be enliſted were alſo to be ſent thither if it were thought neceſſary; one company was to garriſon the fort in the *Cherokee* country; ſeven companies were to remain in the limits of *Virginia* as a guard to the frontiers. For raiſing and maintaining this force £.36,000 was appropriated. The wording of the portion of the law appointing commiſſioners to examine and ſettle the accounts connected with the expenditure of this amount differed widely from the wording of former laws, in that only three commiſſioners were appointed and they were to examine only ſuch accounts as ſhould be turned over to them by the governor in order that he might relieve himſelf of a part of the work. They were merely to aſſiſt the governor, whereas former committees were to control. Six thouſand pounds was appropriated for raiſing and maintaining three companies of rangers of one hundred men each. The money was to be expended by the governor and accounted for to the General Aſſembly. Twenty-five thouſand pounds was appropriated for the payment of arrears. This money was to be expended by a committee. Three thouſand pounds, to be expended by the governor, was appropriated for defraying the charges ariſing from the employment of friendly *Indians* in the ſervice.

The money was to be raiſed by a tax of two ſhillings per hogſhead on tobacco exported from the Colony between *October* 20, 1757, and *October* 20, 1764; a tax of two ſhillings on each tithable for four years, beginning in 1761; one ſhilling a year for four years on every hundred acres of land, beginning in 1761; and the increaſed duty of ten *per cent.* on imported ſlaves, which, ſince, according to the exiſting law, it was to expire on the 9th of *July*, 1758, was continued till the 9th of *July*, 1765. To render the money to be raiſed by theſe taxes immediately available treaſury notes to the amount of £.80,000 were to be iſſued, which were not to bear intereſt, as did former treaſury notes, all of which were to be called in and redeemed as ſoon after the firſt of *December*, 1757, as poſſible, by the payment for them of the new notes bearing no intereſt. The old notes coming into the treaſury according to this proviſion were to be deſtroyed, and any which failed to be brought in by their holders were to ceaſe to be legal tender. The new notes were to be redeemable on the firſt of *March*, 1765, and were to be legal tender in the payment of all demands whatſoever except in the payment of quit-rents. The notes were to be ſecured by the taxes impoſed in the act. Other acts paſſed during the ſeſſion continued the duties already laid on liquors.

The money having been provided for increaſing the number of troops, acts were alſo paſſed looking to rendering them an effective fighting force and toward increaſing the efficiency of the militia. The reward for *Indian* ſcalps was increaſed to fifteen pounds and the proviſion of the former law making the murder of a friendly *Indian* a felony was continued. Five thouſand pounds was appropriated for the eſtabliſhment of a governmental trade with the *Indians* in alliance with the *Engliſh*, the object being to furniſh goods at coſt and thus make it advantageous to the *Indians* to remain in alliance. It was alſo hoped that in courſe of time the *Indians* in alliance with the *French* might by this means be drawn off.[74]

An intereſting queſtion coming up at this ſeſſion of the aſſembly was the one in reference to raiſing the embargo which, contrary to *Dinwiddie*'s wiſhes, had been laid

[73] Dinwiddie Papers, II, 642.

[74] Dinwiddie Papers, II, 642.

early in *March* by order of Lord *Loudoun*, now governor of *Virginia* and commander in chief of his majeſty's forces in *America*.[75] On the 3rd of *May*, the Houſe of Burgeſſes petitioned *Dinwiddie* to raiſe the embargo, it being deſtructive to trade and rendering it difficult to collect the money neceſſary for carrying on the war. *Dinwiddie* had already written to Lord *Loudoun* on *April* the 6th aſking permiſſion to raiſe the embargo, again on *April* the 8th, and a third time on *May* the 2nd. On *May* the 6th he ſent the reſolution of the Houſe to Lord *Loudoun*, and informed him that he had adviſed with the Council in the matter, who were unanimouſly of the opinion that the requeſt of the Houſe ſhould be granted; and that therefore, ſince he underſtood his lordſhip intended very ſhortly giving orders to this end, he purpoſed to raiſe the embargo the following week. This was accordingly done, much, however, to the diſpleaſure of Lord *Loudoun*, in a letter to whom, dated *July* 9, *Dinwiddie* in defending his courſe explains that the addreſs made to him by the Houſe on the third of *May* contained the threat that unleſs the embargo were raiſed the Houſe would vote no ſupplies.[76] He probably meant ſupplies for the expedition to *South Carolina*, ſince the Burgeſſes could hardly have gone to the extreme of threatening to withold ſupplies to be expended in their own defenſe.

Fourth Seſſion.

Dinwiddie left *Virginia* in *January*, 1758, and his ſucceſſor, Governor *Fauquier*, did not reach the Colony till the 7th of *June*. *John Blair*, Preſident of the Council, was in the interim acting governor. By ſpecial command of the home government, *Blair* called the Aſſembly together for the purpoſe of providing as large a force as could poſſibly be gotten together to take part in the expedition under General *Forbes* for the capture of Fort *Duqueſne*. The Aſſembly met on the 30th of *March* and remained in ſeſſion till the 12th of *April*. Confining itſelf to the purpoſe for which it was called together, ſince in his opening addreſs the preſident had announced that he had been forbidden to paſs any acts ſave ſuch as were "immediately neceſſary for the peace and welfare of the Colony," it paſſed only two acts[77]: 1. "An act for augmenting the forces in the pay of the Colony to two thouſand men, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned;" and 2. "An act for continuing an amending an act intituled 'An act for preventing mutiny and deſertion.'" The two thouſand men were to be excluſive of the three companies of rangers in the pay of the Colony. The men needed to bring the exiſting force up to two thouſand in number were to be raiſed by voluntary enliſtment, a bounty of ten pounds being promiſed to each perſon who would enliſt. This force was to be united to the force to be ſent to the aſſiſtance of the Colony, and might be marched, if neceſſary, beyond the borders of *Virginia*. Twenty-one thouſand five hundred pounds was to be expended in raiſing the force. Four thouſand pounds was to be expended in maintaining the rangers already in the ſervice. Four thouſand pounds was to be ſpent in maintaining the *Indians* with the expedition; and two thouſand, in the purchaſe of preſents for them. This ſame act offered an additional reward of thirty pounds for ſcalps of *Indian* enemies. An additional tax of one ſhilling was laid on each tithable in the Colony each year for four years beginning with the year 1761; and ſimilarly for the ſame four years an additional tax of one ſhilling on every hundred acres of land. Treaſury notes ſimilar to thoſe already in circulation were to be iſſued to the amount of £.32,000. The additional men provided for by this act were to be formed into a new regiment and were to continue in the ſervice no later than the firſt of the following *December*. The forts built for the protection of the frontiers were to be garriſoned by men drafted from the militia when the regular force left them in order to go on the expedition. The act for preventing mutiny and deſertion paſſed at the preceding ſeſſion of the Aſſembly, to be in force only one year and, accordingly, now about to expire, was continued for another year, with an addition to the effect that during the continuance of the act juſtices of the peace were required to billet ſoldiers in licenſed taverns. Soldiers might not be thus billeted in private houſes.

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[75] Dinwiddie Papers, II, 596.
[76] Dinwiddie Papers, II, 664.
[77] Hening, VII, 163–170.

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At a GENERAL ASSEMBLY begun and held at the COLLEGE in *Williamſburg*, on *Thurſday*, the Twenty Seventh Day of *February*, in the Twenty Fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE II. by the GRACE of GOD, of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and in the Year of our Lord, 1752.



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Thurſday, February 27th, 1752.

EIGHTY Four Members, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt; took their Places in the Houſe.

John Randolph, Eſq; Clerk, and *Thomas Hall* Serjeant at Arms, to the Houſe, having qualified themſelves, by taking the neceſſary Oaths, and ſubſcribing the Teſt, were admitted to their reſpective Offices.

A Meſſage from the Governor, was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*,

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

The Governor commands your immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber.

The Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to ſay to them:

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

You muſt return again to your Houſe, and immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker.

Being returned, Mr *Carter Burwell* put the Houſe in mind of the Governor's commands, to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker, and did nominate and recommend Mr *John Robinſon*, who was Speaker of the late Aſſembly, a Gentleman who had given undeniable Proofs of his Abilities, Integrity, and Fitneſs to execute that important Truſt: And he was accordingly unanimouſly elected Speaker, and conducted to the Chair by two Members, from whence he made a Speech, expreſſing the juſt Senſe he had of the Obligation they laid him under, and returned them his Thanks for the Honour they had conferred on him.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Governor, to acquaint him that this Houſe, in Obedience to his Commands, have made Choice of a Speaker, and to know his Pleaſure when they ſhall attend to preſent him; and that Mr *Carter Burwell*, and Mr *Charles Carter*, do wait on him with the ſaid Meſſage.

2 They accordingly withdrew, and being returned, Mr *Carter Burwell* reported, that the Governor was Pleaſed to ſay, he would ſignify his Pleaſure in that Matter by a Meſſenger.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

It is the Governor's Pleaſure, that your Houſe immediately attend him in the Council-Chamber, and preſent your Speaker.

And

And accordingly the Houſe went up with their Speaker-Elect, and the Governor was pleaſed to expreſs his particular Approbation of their Choice. Mr Speaker, then, in Behalf of the Houſe, petitioned the Governor that they might enjoy their ancient Rights and Privileges; ſuch as Freedom of Speech and Debate, Exemption from Arreſts, and Protections for their Eſtates, and laſtly, for himſelf, that no Miſtakes of his might be imputed to the Houſe.

To which the Governor anſwered, That he ſhould take Care to defend them in all their juſt Rights and Privileges.

Being returned, Mr Speaker reported, that the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and preſented their Speaker, that he was pleaſed to approve of their Choice, and then make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy, which he read, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

HIS Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed to honour me with his Commiſſion, to be Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of this his Dominion of *Virginia*; I thought it my Duty to call you together, that we may jointly conſider what we are impowered to do, for promoting his Majeſty's Intereſt, and the Proſperity of this Colony.

I have ſo juſt a Senſe of the Importance of the Truſt devolved upon me, and Solicitude to diſcharge the ſame with Honour, as wholly prevents my Attention to thoſe Arts, by which, Perſons conſcious of their great Abilities, or familiar to command by long Habit, are enabled to grace a public Character.

This Solicitude is increaſed by the Virtues of my Predeceſſor. But tho' my Ambition be diſappointed by the Example I follow, yet Emulation will be animated; if leſs eminent, I may be more uſeful by a ſteady Attention to the Good of this Dominion.

During the Time I may have the Honour to preſide, I very ſincerely reſolve, and determine, that my conſtant Care ſhall be to ſupport the Church of *England*, as by Law eſtabliſhed, to encourage Virtue, Piety, Loyalty to his Sacred Majeſty, and with the utmoſt of my Power, to diſcourage Vice and Immorality.

It ſhall further be my Inclination and Endeavour, to cultivate thoſe Virtues of a ſocial Nature, by keeping up a good and harmonious Correſpondence with you, in a private as well as a public Capacity; and I ſhall always be ready, to the Extent of my 3
Underſtanding, to aſſiſt you with my Advice, in any Matter that may occur.

Gentlemen, I can, without Regret, reſign all Pretenſions to Eminence or Diſtinction, as other Acquiſitions are in my Power, which, if leſs envied, are yet allowed to be more valuable: Nor ſhall I be unactive, tho' the Deſire of fame may be ſuppreſſed. I am conſcious of another Paſſion, which is at once the Motive and Reward of Virtue.

My Affection for you, Gentlemen, will be now gratified, by frequent Opportunities of expreſſing my Zeal for the Good of this Colony (now my Country,) which will be a Spring of Pleaſure in my Breaſt.

It was with great Joy I landed here, inveſted with Power of doing Good to a People, among whom I had formerly mingled in Scenes of domeſtic Felicity, and experienced the endearing Reciprocations of Friendſhip.

But I am very ſenſible the moſt ardent Benevolence, and moſt inviolable Fidelity, are frequently inſufficient to effect their own Purpoſes, but Error has perhaps produced as many public Calamities as Indolence, Avarice, or Ambition. I ſhall therefore, *Gentlemen of the Council*, always receive your Advice with Pleaſure; and *Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*, I ſhall rely with Confidence on your Aſſiſtance.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

That I might indulge the Impatience of my Wiſhes, I have called you together ſo ſoon after my Arrival, that we may concur in the gracious Deſign of his Majeſty, and to expreſs

expreſs my Duty and Gratitude to him in the moſt acceptable Manner, by becoming an Inſtrument of Happineſs to my Fellow-Subjects.

The Legiſlature ſhould always be buſy; there are Grievances to redreſs, Irregularities to reform, Defects to ſupply, and Exuberances to cut off. I preſume there are ſome Laws that want Renewal, and probably others that want Amendment. I therefore moſt earneſtly recommend to you the Proſecution of this great Work with Diligence and Expedition. Conſider what Bills may be proper and neceſſary, for promoting the public Quiet, and common Intereſt, by more effectually ſecuring Property, encouraging and extending Commerce, eſtabliſhing the Peace, Safety, and Regularity of an equitable and well order'd Government. I will aſſiſt you, Gentlemen, to the utmoſt of my Power, in the Attainment of theſe deſirable Purpoſes; and you may expect from me every Conceſſion in your Favor, of which my Inſtructions will admit.

I ſhall be glad if you can find out ſome Method to prevent Delays in the Courts of Juſtice, ſo very inconvenient to the People, and ſo much complained of in *Britain*, as well as here.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Houſe of Burgeſſes,

There is one Thing I recommend to your particular Regard, and that is the Cultivating a good Correſpondence with the Neighbouring Nations of *Indians*. It is better they ſhould love us, than that they ſhould fear us; and one of the Two is abſolutely neceſſary. Fear is a ſlaviſh Paſſion, and the Mind is always ſtruggling to throw it off. On the contrary, Love and Amity are propagated by Acts of Kindneſs, the very Exerciſe of which is Delight. The Mind is happy under their Influence; and their Influence for that Reaſon, is continually gaining new Strength: So that our *European* Neighbours, who are ſettled to the Southward and Northward of us, would never be able to inflame the *Indians* againſt us, if the Advantage of mutual Bounty, Gratitude, and public Faith, oppoſed their Attempts. They have been long endeavouring to ſpirit up the *Indians* that are in Amity with us, to the Breach of their Faith, with a View to poſſeſs, and ſettle the interior Parts of *America*, the Back of our Frontier Settlements to the Weſtward. Your own good Senſe will ſoon diſcover, what bad Conſequences ſuch Settlements would be of to us, and our Poſterity. But I have too high an Opinion of your Sagacity, and Virtue, to think any further Arguments are neceſſary to convince you this Meaſure is expedient; or to perſuade you, it is equitable. The Means, how it is to be effected, I would recommend as the Subject of your Deliberations.

I further ſincerely recommend to you, Gentlemen, that both in your public, and private Capacities, you will diffuſe a Spirit of Benevolence, and Unanimity, which are the Vital Principles of public and private Happineſs. By ſuch Conduct you will approve yourſelves good Chriſtians, and good Subjects; you will then render my Adminiſtration honourable and eaſy; you will enjoy the Prayers, and Bleſſings, of the whole Colony; you will deſerve the paternal Affection of his Majeſty; and you will be intitled to the Favour of Almighty God, who, that we might conſider each other as Brethren, has not diſdain'd to be called the Father of us all.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to the Governor, to return his Honour the Thanks of this Houſe, for his affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion, to congratulate him upon his ſafe Arrival with his Family amongſt us, to render him our ſincere Acknowledgments, for the Regard which he is pleaſed to expreſs for the Proſperity of this Colony, and to aſſure him that we will purſue every Meaſure, which ſhall make his Adminiſtration agreeable to himſelf, as well as happy and beneficial to the People.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up the ſaid Addreſs, and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Conway*, Mr *Wormeley*, Mr *Attorney*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, and Mr *Landon Carter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr *Thomas Dawſon* be appointed Chaplain to the Houſe, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at 10 o'Clock.

Ordered,

Ordered, That *Andrew Lindſay*, *William Francis*, *Robert Wager*, and *Thomas Broadrib*, be appointed Doorkeepers to the Houſe, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Governor's Speech into Conſideration, on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, February 28th.

THREE abſent Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed, of the following Perſons:

Mr *Conway*,
Mr *Charles Carter*,
Mr *Carter Burwell*,
Mr *Benjamin Waller*,
Mr *Bland*,
Mr *William Waller*,
Mr *Power*,
Mr *Johnſon*.
Mr *Whiting*,
Mr *Lomax*,
Mr *Attorney*,
Mr *Fry*,
Mr *Riddick*,
Mr *Martin*, and

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to examine, in the firſt Place, all Returns of Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in the preſent General Aſſembly, and compare the ſame, with the Form preſcribed by Law; and to take into their Conſideration, all ſuch Matters as ſhall, or may come in Queſtion, touching Returns, Elections, and Privileges, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe. And the ſaid Committee is to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances be appointed of the following Perſons:

Mr *Charles Carter*,
Mr *Conway*,
Mr *Whiting*,
Mr *Chiſwell*,
Mr *Moore*,
Mr *Bland*,
Mr *Lomax*,
Mr *Benjamin Waller*,
Mr *Fairfax*,
Mr *Thornton*,
Mr *Randolph*,
Mr *Norton*,
Mr *Landon Carter*,
Mr *Page*,
Mr *Dudley Digges*,
Mr *Tucker*,
Mr *Cocke*,
Mr *Eppes*,
Mr *Woodbridge*,
Mr *Carter Burwell*,
Mr *Wormeley*,
Mr *Fry*,
Mr *Bolling*,
Mr *Hedgman*,
Mr *Spotſwood*,
Mr *Attorney*,
Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*,
Mr *Armiſtead Burwell*,
Mr *Power*,
Mr *Robinſon*,
Mr *William Digges*,
Mr *Willis*,
Mr *Robert Burwell*,
Mr *Walke*, and

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration, all Propoſitions and Grievances that ſhall come legally certified to this Aſſembly; and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the

the Houſe: And all ſuch Propoſitions and Grievances are to be delivered to the Clerk of the Houſe, and by him to the ſaid Committee, of Courſe. And the ſaid Committee is to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

6 *Ordered*, That a Committee of Public Claims be appointed, of the following Perſons:

Mr *Fry*,

Mr *Turner*,	Mr *Weſtwood*,
Mr *Harwood*,	Mr *Eyre*,
Mr *Reade*,	Mr *Claiborne*,
Mr *Thomas Tabb*,	Mr *Wood Jones*,
Mr *Stith*,	Mr *Ball*,
Mr *Wilſon*,	Mr *Waring*,
Mr *Francis Smith*,	Mr *Taylor*,
Mr *Weſt*,	Mr *Alexander*,
Mr *Payne*,	Mr *John Smith*,
Mr *Walker*,	Mr *Gale*,
Mr *Cave*,	Mr *Kendall*,
Mr *Scott*, and	Mr *Howard*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Public Claims, which ſhall be preſented to the Houſe, during this Seſſion; and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe, when they ſhall have gone through the ſaid Claims: And all Perſons that have any Claims, are to deliver them to the Clerk, and he is to deliver the ſame to the ſaid Committee, of Courſe. And they are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee for Courts of Juſtice be appointed, of the following Perſons:

Mr *Whiting*,

Mr *Riddick*,	Mr *William Waller*,
Mr *John Tabb*,	Mr *Allen*,
Mr *Gabriel Jones*,	Mr *Carrington*,
Mr *Thomas Harriſon*,	Mr *Curtis*,
Mr *Buſhrode*,	Mr *Venable*,
Mr *Robert Jones*,	Mr *Maddiſon*,
Mr *Chinn*,	Mr *Blackwell*,
Mr *Dewey*,	Mr *Pendleton*,
Mr *Douglas*,	Mr *Vaulx*,
Mr *Syme*, and	Mr *Green*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take under their Conſideration all Matters relating to Courts of Juſtice, and ſuch other Matters as ſhall, from Time to Time, be referred to them; and report their Proceedings: And the ſaid Committee is to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Trade be appointed, of the following Perſons:

Mr *Lomax*,

Mr *Riddick*,	Mr *Hutchings*,
Mr *Tucker*,	Mr *Moſeley*,
Mr *Bouſh*,	Mr *Adams*,
Mr *Holliday*, and	Mr *Travis*.

7 And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and take under their Conſideration, all Things relating to the Trade of this Colony, and all Matters that ſhall be, from Time to Time, to them referred; and to report their Proceedings: And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Reſolved, That Eleven of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and Five of any other Committee, be a ſufficient number to make a Committee.

Ordered, That Mr *Wythe* be appointed Clerk to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; Mr *Cary* to the Committee

mittee of Claims; Mr *Palmer* to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice; and Mr *Webb* to the Committee of Trade.

Ordered, That the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, do inſpect the Journals of the laſt Seſſions, and draw up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein, and report the ſame to the Houſe, that they do alſo examine what Laws have expired ſince the laſt Seſſion, and inſpect ſuch temporary Laws, as will expire with the End of this Seſſion, or are near expiring, and report the ſame to the Houſe with their Opinions which of them are fit to be revived and continued.

Reſolved, That in all Caſes of controverted Elections, to be heard at the Bar of this Houſe, or before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Petitioners do, by themſelves, or by their Agents, within a convenient Time, to be appointed either by the Houſe, or the Committee of Privileges and Elections, as the Matter to be heard ſhall be before the Houſe, or the ſaid Committee, deliver to the ſitting Members, or their Agents, Liſts of the Perſons intended by the Petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the ſitting Members, giving in the ſaid Liſts the ſeveral Heads of Objection, and diſtinguiſhing the ſame againſt the Names of the Voters excepted to, and that the ſitting Members, do by themſelves or their Agents, within the ſame Time, deliver the like Liſts, on their Part to the Petitioners, or their Agents.

A Claim of *John Clark*, for taking up a Runaway Servant therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Lewis Delony* for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Ellis Gravot* for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Swillifort*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Samuel Thompſon*, for taking up a Runaway Negro therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Piſcod*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Richard Gains*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Edward Hoggen* for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Taylor* for the ſame Service.

And alſo a Claim of *Thomas Adams*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, in the Book of Claims.

A Petition of Mr *Richard Booker*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Wood Jones* to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Amelia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, as they ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, that the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed to with ſome Amendments, and is as follows:

WE his Majeſty's moſt dutiful, and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, now met in General Aſſembly, beg Leave to return your Honour our cordial Thanks for your affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion.

Being truly ſenſible of his Majeſty's Paternal Care, for this his moſt antient Colony, in appointing a Perſon of ſuch approved Abilities and Integrity to preſide over us, with Hearts full of Sincerity, we congratulate your Honour, upon your ſafe Arrival, with your Family, amongſt us.

Your Zeal for the eſtabliſhed Religion, and tender Regard for the Proſperity of this Dominion, do juſtly claim our unfeigned Acknowledgments; we do therefore in the ſtrongeſt Terms aſſure your Honour, that we will embrace every Opportunity of giving lively Teſtimonies of our ſtrict Attachment to the Purity of that Religion, and every ſuitable Return of Duty and Gratitude.

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When we reflect on thoſe ſocial Virtues, with which your Honour hath formerly diſtinguiſhed yourſelf amongſt us, we cannot but promiſe ourſelves every pleaſing Proſpect of an equitable and well ordered Government. And we further aſſure your Honour, that we ſhall on our Parts endeavour with an active Diligence to redreſs ſuch Grievances, reform ſuch Irregularities, and ſupply ſuch Defects, as ſhall appear to obſtruct the public Tranquility, or retard the common Intereſt of this Country; in the doing which we think ourſelves happy in the Offer, that your Honour hath made of your kind Aſſiſtance.

By ſuch a Conduct we doubt not, but we ſhall derive to ourſelves every temporal Felicity, and hope to obtain the Continuance of the Grace and Favour of that Omnipotent Being, who hath not diſdained to be called the Father of us all.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame, do wait on the Governor, to know his pleaſure when the Houſe ſhall attend his Honour to preſent it.

Saturday, February 29th.

A PETITION of *Bertrand Ewell*, complaining of an undue Election, and Return of M^r *Thomas Harriſon*, and M^r *Joſeph Blackwell*, to ſerve as Burgeſſes, in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Prince William*,

Alſo a Petition of *John Wall*, complaining of an undue Election, and Return of M^r *John Willis*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs, in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Brunſwick*; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Privileges, and Elections, and that they do examine into the Allegations thereof reſpectively, and report the ſame, as they ſhall appear to them, with their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

M^r *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, waited on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure, when the Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to appoint *Monday* next, and to ſay he would ſend a Meſſage to the Houſe, when he was ready to receive it.

A Petition of *Abraham Eſtes*, praying ſome Allowance for a Runaway Negroe, who had runaway, and was found dead in the Woods, was offered to the Houſe, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Petition be received. *It paſſed in the Negative.*

Ordered, That M^r *Norton*, M^r *Eyre*, M^r *Benjamin Harriſon*, M^r *Walke*, M^r *Armiſtead Burwell*, M^r *Weſtwood*, and M^r *Thomas Tabb*, be added to the Committee of Trade: M^r *Landon Carter*, and M^r *Chiſwell*, to the Committee of Privileges, and Elections.

A Claim of *Benjamin Pulliam*, for taking up a Runaway Negroe, therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Daniel Pruett*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *Francis Gray*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *John Taylor*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Bridges*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *Anthony Sydnor*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *John Reims*, for taking up Two Negroes, therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *James Collins*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *John Jenings*, for taking up a Runaway Servant, therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Robins*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *Robert Sanford*, for the ſame Service,

And alſo a Claim of *James Hardage*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, in the Book of Claims.

Sundry

Sundry Petitions of the Miniſter, Veſtry, and other Inhabitants of the Pariſh of St. *Mark*, in the County of *Culpepper*, were preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying for a Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh; and, that all that Part of the ſaid Pariſh which lies in the County of *Orange*, be added to the Pariſh of St. *Thomas*; and, all that Part of the Pariſh of St. *Thomas*, which lies in *Culpepper* County, be added to the new upper Pariſh, that ſhall be taken from the Pariſh of St. *Mark*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and that they do examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Elizabeth Wyatt* Widow, and Executrix of *William Wyatt* deceaſed, late Keeper of the Public Goal, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that the additional Salary, of 15£ *per* Annum, formerly allowed her ſaid Huſband, till the 22^{d} Day of *November* 1748, be continued to her, from that Time, till the 22^{d} Day of *March* 1749, when he died. 10

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

M^{r} *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where they were again read and agreed to, as follows.

Reſolved, That the Propoſitions from the Counties of *Caroline*, and *Eſſex*, for limiting the Number of Tobacco Plants to be tended, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Fairfax*, for appointing Fairs to be kept in the Town of *Alexandria*, in that County, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Culpepper*, for amending the Law againſt exceſſive and deceitful Gaming, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Reſolution for appointing Fairs, to be kept in the Town of *Alexandria*.

M^{r} *Conway*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly; and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the Returns of the ſeveral Writs, for electing Burgeſſes, from the Counties of *Accomack*, *Albemarle*, *Auguſta*, *Amelia*, *Brunſwick*, *Caroline*, *Charles-City*, *Cheſterfield*, *Culpepper*, *Cumberland*, *Elizabeth-City*, *Eſſex*, *Fairfax*, *Frederick*, *Glouceſter*, *Goochland*, *Hanover*, *Henrico*, *James-City*, *Iſle of Wight*, *King-George*, *King-William*, *Lancaſter*, *Louiſa*, *Lunenburg*, *Middleſex*, *New-Kent*, *Norfolk*, *Northampton*, *Northumberland*, *Orange*, *Prince-George*, *Prince-William*, *Richmond*, *Southampton*, *Spotſylvania*, *Stafford*, *Surry*, *Warwick*, *Weſtmoreland*, and *York*; and the Returns of the Writs for electing Burgeſſes for *James-Town*, the College of *William* and *Mary*, and the Borough of *Norfolk*, and the Return of the Writ for electing a Citizen for the City of *Williamſburg*, are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *King and Queen*, *Nanſemond*, and *Princeſs-Anne*, are not made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Ordered, That the Returns of the reſpective Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *King and Queen*, and *Princeſs-Anne*, be amended by the Clerk at the Table.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of *Nanſemond* be ſent for, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, to amend his Return.

And then the Houſe adjourned, till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday,

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Monday, March 2d.

ORDERED, That the Thanks of the Houſe be returned to the Reverend Mr *William Stith*, for his excellent Sermon, preached Yeſterday before the Council and this Houſe, and that he be deſired to print it; and that Mr *Fry* do wait on him for that Purpoſe.

A Petition of the Inſpectors at *Shockoe*'s Warehouſe, and others, praying that another Inſpector be added, to aſſiſt them in inſpecting the great quantities of Tobacco brought to that Inſpection, or that a ſeparate Inſpection be appointed at the ſame Place.

Alſo a Petition of the Inſpectors of *Cheſterfield*'s and *Page*'s Warehouſes, praying that their Salaries may be increaſed, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of the Inſpectors at *Shockoe*'s, praying that an Addition may be made to their Salary, to commence from the Meeting of the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *William Waller*, and Mr *Robert Jones*, be added to the Committee of Claims; Mr *Reade* to the Committee of Courts of Juſtice, and Mr *Pendleton* to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Two Petitions of ſundry of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Prince William*, *Culpepper*, *Stafford*, *Frederick*, and *King George*, praying that another Inſpection may be appointed at the Town of *Falmouth*.

Alſo a Petition from the County of *Orange*, praying that ſome Part of that County may be added to the County of *Louiſa*,

Alſo a Petition of ſundry the Proprietors and Inhabitants of the Town of *Winchefter*, in *Frederick* County, praying that additional Streets may be laid off, joining to the ſaid Town, and that the ſame may be eſtabliſhed by Act of Aſſembly, and enjoy ſuch Privileges and Advantages, as other Towns in this Colony have, that are not incorporated.

Alſo a Petition from the County of *Prince George*, praying a Diviſion of the ſaid County.

Alſo a Petition from ſundry of the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, praying that the Act of Aſſembly, relating to the killing of Crows and Squirrels, which is now expired, may be revived.

And alſo a Propoſition from the County of *Amelia*, ſetting forth many Grievances which ariſe from the Inſpectors not attending to take Tobacco earlier in the Fall, than at preſent is directed by Law, and praying that they may be obliged to begin to attend on the Tenth of *October;* were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they do examine the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; reported, that the
12 Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of *Mary Ley* Widow, and alſo the Propoſition from the County of *Eſſex*, to them referred, for eſtabliſhing a Town on the Land where the public Warehouſes, called *Leyton*'s, in that County are, which by the Will of *Thomas Ley* was deviſed to the ſaid *Mary Ley* his Wife, for her Life, and after her Death to her Son *Thomas Ley*, who is an Infant in Fee-Simple; and had come to the following Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition and Propoſition be rejected.

A Meſſage from the Governor, was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr

Mr *Speaker*,

I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, that his Honour is now ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council-Chamber.

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up, and being returned, reported, that he had, with the Houſe, attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I SINCERELY thank you for this your agreeable Addreſs, for the Satiſfaction you expreſs on my being appointed your Governor, and for your kind Congratulations on my Arrival here with my Family.

I ſhall always retain a juſt Remembrance of the kind Reception I have met with from you: And in the Diſcharge of the Duties of my Adminiſtration, I hope fully to convince you of the Sincerity of my Heart, to do every Thing in my Power, for the Intereſt and Service of this Colony.

And I doubt not the good Underſtanding ſo affectionately begun, will be of a long Duration.

A Petition of *Lewis Burwell*, Gent. was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Edward Travis*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for *James Town*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Upon a Motion made.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take under their Conſideration the Governor's Speech; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Carter* reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Governor's Speech, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr *Randolph* Clerk of this Houſe, have Liberty to appear as Counſel for any ſitting Member, in any Matters of controverted Elections that ſhall happen before the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, March 3d, 1752.

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A Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Dewey*, Mr *Reade*, and Mr *Robert Jones*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and Mr *Hedgman*, and Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*, be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

A Petition of the Miniſter and Veſtry of *South-Farnham* Pariſh, in *Eſſex* County, ſetting forth the inconvenient Situation of the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh, and praying that an Act may paſs enabling them to ſell the ſaid Glebe, and to apply the Money ariſing therefrom, towards purchaſing another more convenient, and erecting Houſes thereon.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition from the County of *Surry*, praying that an Inſpection may be eſtabliſhed at *Fiſher*'s Landing, in the County of *Prince George*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

A Petition of *John Clayton*, and *Charles Blackwell*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that they had each of them, *to wit*, the ſaid *John* 9935 *lb.* and the ſaid *Charles* 5275 *lb.* of Tobacco, drowned in the Warehouſe on *Eaſtermoſt* River, in the County of *Glouceſter*, and praying the Relief of this Houſe, in the Premiſſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Conway*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of Mr *Richard Booker*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Wood Jones*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Amelia*, and had heard as well the Petitioner, as the ſitting Member by his Counſel, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That the Perſons who voted at the ſaid Elections, whoſe Freeholds are queſtioned, either by the Petitioner, or ſitting Member, be examined upon Oath, before *John Naſh*, *William Booker*, *George Walker*, *Charles Irby*, and *Hezekiah Ford*, of the ſame County Gent. or any three of them, at the Court-houſe of the ſaid County, whether they be Freeholders or not, except ſuch of them as did ſwear to their Freeholds at the Election.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner, and ſitting Member, be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes before the ſaid Perſons appointed to take ſuch Examinations as aforeſaid, as to the Freeholds of any Perſon who voted at the Election, altho' ſuch Perſons ſwore to their Freeholds at ſuch Election, or ſhall ſwear to the ſame at the Examination, and that it be
14 an Inſtruction to the Perſons before whom ſuch Examinations are to be taken, to examine how long ſuch Voters have been in Poſſeſſion of, and paid Quitrents for the Lands or Tenements, in Right of which they voted at the Election, and that they return the Examinations to this Committee, on the 23d Day of this Inſtant, *March*.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner do at leaſt, ten Days before the Time appointed for Returning the Examination of the Witneſſes, ſpecify and give to the ſitting Members, Notice of any Riot, or any illegal Proceedings of the Sheriff, or others, at the time of making the ſaid Election, which he ſhall offer in Evidence to this Committee.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered, That *George Wythe*, Gent. Clerk of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, be admitted to appear as Counſel for the ſaid *Richard Booker*, before the ſaid Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Act made in the 22d Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for preventing exceſſive and deceitful Gaming*, and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Fry*, Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Lomax* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Propoſitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do ly on the Table.

A Petition of *Thomas Roy*, of the County of *Caroline*, in Oppoſition to a Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of *Port-Royal*, for permitting them to keep a Boat and Hands for the tranſporting Perſons to and from the ſaid Town, to the Land of Colonel *Thomas Turner*, in *King George* County, was read, praying that the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r *Speaker*, reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Carter* reported, that the Committee had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the Act, intituled, *An Act for aſcertaining the Damage upon proteſted Bills of Exchange, and for the Recovery of Debts due upon Promiſſory Notes, and for the Aſſignment of Bonds, Obligations, and Notes*, be amended.

Reſolved, That the Act, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein*: Alſo the Act, intituled, *An Act directing the Method of Trial of Criminals, for Capital Offences; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, be amended.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution. 15

Ordered, That M^r *Attorney*, M^r *Benjamin Waller*, M^r *Power*, M^r *Whiting*, M^r *Pendleton*, M^r *Robert Jones*, M^r *Landon Carter*, M^r *Bland*, M^r *Dewey*, M^r *Douglass*, M^r *William Waller*, M^r *Riddick*, M^r *Reade*, M^r *Claiborne*, and M^r *Martin*, do prepare and bring in, a Bill, purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, on *Monday* next.

M^r *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Propoſitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition, from the County of *Prince George*, for dividing that County, by the Run which falls into *Appamattox* River, between *Blanford*, and the Public Warehouſes, at *Bolling*'s Point, to the Glebe Land of *Briſtol* Pariſh, and by a *South* Line, to be run from the outermoſt Line of the ſaid Glebe Land, to *Surry* County, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition, from the County of *Prince George*, for dividing that County, by the Line of *Martin Brandon* Pariſh, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition, from the County of *Prince George*, for adding the Pariſh of *Bath*, in that County, to that Part of the County of *Amelia*, which lies below *Deep* Creek and *Cellar* Creek, and a *South* Line to be run from the Head of *Cellar* Creek, acroſs *Nottoway* River, and making them a diſtinct County, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition, from the County of *Prince George*, for repealing ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing County Courts, and regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein*; as reſtrains a Juſtice of the Peace from granting Executions againſt Defendants, for Matters cognizable before him, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Members of *Prince George* County, do prepare, and bring in, a Bill, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution,

An Account of *Robert Lovell*, againſt the Public, for ſetting Eighty Six Men, and Ten Horſes, in his Majeſty's Service, over *Potomack* River, was offered to the Houſe, and the Queſtion being put, That it be received.

Reſolved in the Negative.

A Claim of *Joſeph Blayton*, for taking up a Runaway Negroe, therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Benjamin Ruffin*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *Anthony Sydnor*, for the ſame Service,

And alſo a Claim of *Iſaac Brigandine*, for taking up a Runaway Servant, therein mentioned; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims reſpectively in the Book of Claims.

Mr *Lomax*, from the Committee of Trade, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, ſeveral Matters relating to the Trade of this Colony, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the
16 Houſe as follow.

Reſolved, That it will be neceſſary that a Bill be prepared, and brought in, for the better Diſtribution of Inſolvent Debtors Eſtates.

Reſolved, That all Staves, Headings, and Shingles, exported out of this Colony, be firſt viewed, and inſpected, by Perſons legally appointed for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That the Committee of Trade do prepare, and bring in, a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

The Houſe being informed, that the Sheriff of *Nanſemond*, attended at the Door, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, to amend the Return of the Writ for electing Burgeſſes, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the ſaid County.

Ordered, That he do amend his Return; and that he be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying Fees.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd 'til To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, March 4th.

A PROPOSITION from ſundry of the Inhabitants of the upper End of *Cheſterfield* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth the preſent Situation of the Warehouſes at *Rocky Ridge*, in that County, through their great Diſtance from the Landing is very inconvenient, praying that the ſaid Warehouſes may be moved to, or near, the Ferry Landing.

Ordered, That the ſaid Propoſition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Claim of *William Borough*, for taking up a Runaway, therein mentioned,

Alſo a Claim of *William Blaikley*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *Bobert Elſom*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſame, in the Book of Claims.

Ordered, That Mr *Willis* have Leave to be abſent, from the Service of this Houſe, till this Day Fortnight; Mr *Thomas Tabb*, till *Monday* next; Mr *Wood Jones*, till *Monday* Fortnight, and Mr *Travis*, till *Saturday* next.

Mr *Bland*, according to Order, preſented a Bill, for dividing the County of *Prince George*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Francis Eppes* and others, Freeholders of the County of *Prince George*, complaining of an undue Election, and Return of Mr *Stephen Dewey*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs, in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they examine into the Allegation thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Reſolved, That where the Houſe ſhall judge any Petition, touching Elections, to be frivolous and vexatious, the Houſe will order Satisfaction to be made to the Perſon petitioned againſt.

17 A Petition of the Inſpectors of the public Warehouſes in the County of *Fairfax*,

Alſo a Petition of the Inſpectors at *Occoquan* Warehouſes in the ſaid County, and

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Prince William County, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying an Increaſe of their reſpective Salaries.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the Matters thereof reſpectively, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſundry Freeholders, Merchants, and Inhabitants of the County of *Prince George*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That ſo great a Quantity of Tobacco is brought to the public Warehouſes at *Bolling*'s Point, the Inſpectors there are not able to diſpatch the Inſpection thereof, and praying that a third Inſpector be appointed to aſſiſt them.

And the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition, be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, March 5th.

A Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

A Claim of *William Holliday*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned,

Alſo a Claim of *John Dickens*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *Jacob Sike*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *Bryant Fanin*, alias *Finley*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *Ephraim Gooſley*, for the ſame Service,

And alſo a Claim of *William MacDonagh*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, in the Book of Claims.

Mr *Whiting*, from the Committee of Courts of Juſtice, reported, That the Committee had, according to Order, examined what Laws have expired ſince the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, and inſpected ſuch temporary Laws as will expire with, or ſoon after the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to, with ſome Amendments, as follow.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 5th and 6th Years of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*, which hath been continued by ſeveral ſubſequent Acts; all which Acts expired on the laſt Day of *July* laſt paſt, ought to be revived.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 19th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officer's Fees, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, which was continued by one other Act made in the 22d Year of his Majeſty's Reign, both which Acts will expire on the 12th Day of *April* next, ought to be further continued. 18

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 22d Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, which will expire at the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 22d Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the Laws made for laying a Duty on Liquors, into one Act of Aſſembly*, as relates to the laying an additional Duty of one Penny *per* Gallon, on Rum, Brandy, and other diſtilled Spirits, and on every Gallon of Wine, which will expire on the firſt Day of *January* next, ought to be continued.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the 20th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Treaſurer, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, which will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, ought to be renewed.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the 22d Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of* Frederickſburg, *and* Richmond, which will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 22d Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, which will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the 22d Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels*, which expired on the 27th Day of *October* 1750, ought to be revived and amended.

Ordered, That the Committee of Trade, prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills purſuant to the firſt and fourth Reſolutions; the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to the third Reſolution, and the Committee for Courts of Juſtice to the other Reſolutions.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That the Council have had before them two Petitions from ſundry of the Inhabitants of the County of *Surry*, praying for a Diviſion of the ſaid County,

And alſo a Petition from the County of *Culpepper*, praying, that ſuch Perſons who make ſpirituous Liquors, may have Liberty to retail the ſame in their Houſes, which they recommend to the Conſideration of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Petitions relating to the Diviſion of the County of *Surry*, be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, That they examine into the Matters thereof reſpectively, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe,

19 Then the Queſtion being put, that the other Petition be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr *Conway*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That they had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of Mr *Francis Eppes*, and others, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Stephen Dewey*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs, in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Prince George*, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the Petitioners do, at leaſt Ten Days before the 20th of this Inſtant, *March*, which is appointed for examining Witneſſes before the ſaid Committee, as to the Subject Matter of the Petition, give Notice to the ſitting Member, of the Nature of any illegal Proceedings or Practices of the ſitting Member, or others, which the Petitioners ſhall then offer in Evidence to the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Lomax*, from the Committee of Trade, reported, That the Committee had proceeded to the further Conſideration of the Matters to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, and he read the ſame in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

Reſolved, That the erecting, and conſtantly maintaining a Light Houſe on Cape *Henry*, the Charge thereof to be defrayed by a Duty upon the Tonnage of all Ships and Veſſels, entring the Bay of *Cheſapeake*, will be a great Advantage to the Commerce and Navigation of all his Majeſty's Subjects trading to or from this Dominion.

Ordered, That the Committee of Trade, prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

A Petition of *Robert Tucker*, praying to be allowed in the Book of Claims for a Hogſhead of Tobacco, Weight Nett 1055 *lb.* drowned in the public Warehouſes of *Norfolk*, was read.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Allegation thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Reſolved, That if it ſhall appear any Perſon hath procured himſelf to be elected, or returned a Member of this Houſe, or endeavoured ſo to be, by Bribery or any other corrupt Practices, this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Perſon.

Reſolved, That if it ſhall appear that any Perſon hath been tampering with any Witneſs, in Reſpect of his Evidence to be given to this Houſe, or any Committee thereof, or directly, or indirectly, hath endeavoured to deter or hinder any Perſon from appearing or giving Evidence, the ſame is declared to be a high Crime and Miſdemeanor, and this Houſe will proceed with the utmoſt Severity againſt ſuch Offender.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow. 20

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Nanſemond*, for adding that Part of that County, which lies on the *South* Side of *Black-water*, to the County of *Southampton*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Frederick*, for reimburſing the Inhabitants of that County, their Expenſes in entertaining and providing for the *Indians* paſſing through that County, according to the Treaty of *Lancaſter*, by impoſing and levying a public Tax, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the County of *Frederick*, for reſtraining Pedlars from trading, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Propoſition from the County of *Frederick*, for increaſing the Fees to be paid by Pedlars, for their Licenſes, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Propoſition from the County of *Frederick*, for increaſing the Rewards for killing Wolves, and for allowing Rewards for killing Panthers, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Frederick*, for dividing that County, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Prince-George*, for continuing the Act of Aſſembly, for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *James City*, for an Act, to continue for four Years, that Ten Squirrels, Crows, or Blackbirds, be killed, for every tithable Perſon in the Colony, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Accomack*, for diſabling any Perſon, who ſhall, at any Time after iſſuing Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in any General Aſſembly, give, in any Manner, a Treat to the People, or by any Bribery, endeavour to procure Votes for him to ſerve as a Member of that General Aſſembly, is reaſonable.

The ſix firſt Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The ſeventh Reſolution being read again, and the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe agree thereto.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Prince George*, for continuing the Act of Aſſembly, for killing Crows and Squirrels, is reaſonable.

Then the other Reſolutions of the Committee were read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe do agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring
21 in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the Fourth and laſt Reſolutions of the Committee.

M^r *Fry*, reported, from the Committee of Claims, That they had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of *Robert Burton*, and *John Williamſon*, junior, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Shockoe's* Warehouſe, to them referred, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and with an Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Inſpectors be allowed the Sum of 15£. a year, each for the three laſt Years, for their Labour, Trouble, and Expence at the ſaid Warehouſe, during that Time, over and above their Salary appointed by Law.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make the ſaid Allowance, in the Book of Claims.

A Petition of *Thomas Chamberlayne*, of the County of *King-William*, Gent. and *Wilhelmina* his Wife, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, in Right of his ſaid Wife, is ſeiſed in Fee-Tail, of 1600 Acres of Land, ſituate in *James-City* County; that he is alſo ſeiſed in Fee-Simple, in two Tracts of Land in the County of *King-William*, the one called his *Home-Houſe-Tract*, the other *Scotland* Quarter; that he hath made conſiderable Improvements on the ſaid *Home-Houſe-Tract*, and conceives it will be greatly to the Advantage of the Heir of the ſaid Petitioners, to ſettle the Lands in *King-William* County in Tail, in lieu of the ſaid *James-City* Land: And praying that an Act may paſs to veſt the ſaid *James-City* Land in Fee-Simple, in the ſaid Petitioner, and ſettle the *King-William* Lands, with ſome Negroes of much greater Value to the ſame Uſes.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to M^r *Power*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition from the County of *Goochland*, praying that Quarterly Courts may be eſtabliſhed in that County, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That M^r *Taylor* be added to the Committee of Claims.

A Bill for dividing the County of *Prince-George* was read a ſecond Time and committed to M^r *Bland*, and M^r *Dewey*.

Several Claims from the County of *New-Kent*, againſt the Public, which were neglected to be preſented to the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, were preſented to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they deduct all Claims not allowable by Law, out of the ſaid Account, and that they levy the ſame upon the Perſons who have received them, for the Uſe of the County.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

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Friday, March 6th, 1752.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered, THAT the County Courts of *King-George*, *Weſtmoreland*, and *Northumberland*, do ſeverally appoint proper Perſons, in Conjunction with the Court of *Richmond* County, to lay off the Bounds between their reſpective Counties, and the ſaid County of *Richmond*, and that the Perſons ſo appointed do return their Proceedings therein, to their reſpective County Courts.

Ordered, That the County Courts of *Weſtmoreland*, *King-George*, and *Stafford*, do ſeverally appoint proper Perſons, to lay off the Bounds between their reſpective Counties, and that the Perſons ſo appointed, do return their Proceedings therein, to their reſpective County Courts.

Ordered,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the Charges of any County, againſt the Public, for the Impriſonment and Releaſement of a Perſon committed for a Breach of the Peace, and if ſuch Perſon ſo committed, has ſufficient Eſtate to discharge the ſame, then they are to levy it upon him, in the Book of Claims.

Mr Bland, from the Committee to whom the Bill for dividing the County of *Prince George* was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Petition of ſundry of the Inhabitants of the County of *Caroline*, ſetting forth the many Advantages that muſt ariſe to the Petitioners, from the Town of *Port-Royal* being permitted to keep, at their own Expenſe, a Boat and Hands, to tranſport Paſſengers to and from the ſaid Town, to the Land of Colonel *Thomas Turner*, in the County of *King-George*.

Alſo a Petition from the County of *Surry*, in Oppoſition to the Petition for dividing that County, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the Matters thereof, reſpectively, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, that they had had under their Conſideration divers Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the County of *James-City*, and *Richmond*, for reſtraining Negroe, and other Slaves, from keeping Dogs, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Propoſition from the Town of *Richmond* in the County of *Henrico*, for appointing Truſtees for the ſaid Town, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the 23
County of *Hanover*, for increaſing the Penalties inflicted on Offenders againſt the Laws made to refrain Vice, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Northumberland*, for obliging the Owners of Perſons convicted of Felony, and tranſported to this Colony, to bear the Charge of proſecuting and trying them for any Crimes of which they ſhall be accuſed here, be rejected.

The firſt Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe agree thereto.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Propoſitions from the Counties of *James-City* and *Richmond*, for reſtraining Negroe and other Slaves, from keeping Dogs, be rejected.

Then the ſecond and third Reſolutions were again read, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Then the laſt Reſolution was read, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe agree thereto.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Northumberland*, for obliging the Owners of Perſons convicted of Felony, and tranſported to this Colony, to bear the Charges of proſecuting and trying them, for any Crimes of which they ſhall be accuſed of here, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That the Members for the County of *Henrico*, do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Hedgman*, prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the laſt Reſolution.

Ordered, That Mr *Reddick*, and Mr *Reade* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of the Houſe, till *Wedneſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd 'til To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, March 7th, 1752.

MR. *Lomax* from the Committee of Trade, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for continuing Part of the Act, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the Laws made for laying a Duty on Liquors, into one Act of Aſſembly*,

And alſo a Bill to revive the Act, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of *Alexandria*.

Alſo a Bill for continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Prince George, *was read a third Time, and the Blanks filled up.*

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

24 A Petition of the Inſpectors of *Bolling's Point* Warehouſe, praying for a further Allowance, for the three Years laſt paſt, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Lomax* from the Committee of Trade, reported, That the Committee had had under their further Conſideration, the Matters to them referred, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to, as follows.

Reſolved, That the Importers of Wine from *Madeira*, have been conſiderable Sufferers in their Trade, by the fraudulent Practice of ſhipping Wines from thence in Pipes of less than the due Gauge.

Reſolved, That it is neceſſary a Bill ſhould be prepared and brought in, to prohibit the Importation of *Madeira* Wine, in Pipes of leſs Gauge than 120 Gallons each, and the Hogſheads, and Quarter-Caſks in Proportion.

Ordered, That the Committee of Trade do prepare, and bring in, a Bill, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

A Claim of *Coleby Chew*, for taking up a Runaway, therein mentioned,

Alſo a Claim of *Nehemiah Nicholls*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *John Herbert*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *James Jenning Foſter*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *William Bailey*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſame, in the Book of Claims.

A Petition of *George Brett*, and *Fouſhee Tabbs*, Inſpectors at *Quantico*, praying an Increaſe of their Salary, was offered to the Houſe and the Queſtion being put that it be received.

Reſolved in the Negative.

A Claim of *Alexander Hilliard*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was offered to the Houſe, and the Queſtion being put, that it be received.

Reſolved in the Negative.

A Propoſition from the Merchants of the Town of Fredericksburg, and *Falmouth*, in Behalf of themſelves and others, Traders in this Colony, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That they labour under great Inconveniences, thro' a Cuſtom the Planters have got into of packing Tobacco looſe, and mixing Stemm'd and Leaf in the ſame Hogſhead, and praying Relief of this Houſe, in the Premiſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Propoſition lie on the Table.

A Bill for continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in His Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the ſaid Bill, on *Wednesday* next.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That they had had under Conſideration, divers Propoſitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition, from the County of *Richmond*, for erecting and keeping public Warehouſes, for the Inſpection of Tobacco, at *Cat Point*, inſtead of *Naylor's Hole*, on *Rappahannock* Creek, is reaſonable.

On Conſideration of the Propoſition from the County of *Nanſemond*, for repealing ſo much of the Act made in the Twenty-ſecond Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in His Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, as renders every Perſon taking on him the Office of Inſpector, during his Continuance in that Office, and for two Years after he ſhall be out of it, incapable of being elected a Member of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and of being Collector of His Majeſty's Quitrents, or of any Public, County, or Pariſh Levies, or of any Officers Fees, and prohibits them, during that Time, to buy or receive, by Way of Barter, Loan, or Exchange, any Tobacco whatever.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Act, as to ſo much of the ſaid recited Clauſe as relates to the Collection of Levies and Fees, and buying and ſelling Tobacco, be amended.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Northumberland*, that no Inſpector of Tobacco continue in that Office longer than two Years, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Amelia*, for obliging Inſpectors of Tobacco to begin to attend at their reſpective Warehouſes on the 10th Day of *October*, annually, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſitions from the Counties of *Prince William*, *Culpepper*, *Stafford*, *Frederick*, and *King George*, for erecting and keeping other Warehouſes, for the Inſpection of Tobacco, in the Town of *Falmouth*, on *Rappahannock* River, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſitions from the County of *Culpepper*, for erecting and keeping other Warehouſes, for the Inſpection of Tobacco, at *Fredericksburg*, on *Rappahannock* River, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Culpepper*, for allowing Salaries to a ſufficient Number of labouring Men, for attending the Warehouſes, for the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Fredericksburg* and *Falmouth*, and opening and ſtowing away the Tobacco brought thither to be viewed, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Louiſa*, for obliging the Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Newcaſtle*, and *Page*'s Warehouſes, in the County of *Hanover*, to ſtamp on every Hogſhead of Tobacco brought to, and viewed at their reſpective Houſes, the Name of the County whence it came, be rejected.

On Conſideration of the Petition of the Inſpectors at *Littlepage*'s Warehouſes, in the County of *New-Kent*, ſetting forth, That the Inſpection at *Waddy*'s, appointed by an Act of the laſt General Aſſembly, not beginning till the Month of *November* then next following,

following, the Petitioners received and viewed all the Tobacco brought to their Houſe, till That time, as they had done before, notwithſtanding which they have only been paid 25£. each, being the Salaries allowed to them by that Act; whereas, before the Inſpection
26 at *Waddy*'s was appointed, their Salaries were 35£. each, and praying to be allowed 10£. each, to make the Salaries of that Year, equal to what they were before.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition, is reaſonable.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Thomas Jones*, of *Briſtol* Pariſh, in the County of *Prince-George*, ſetting forth, That by Authority of a Commiſſion from the Governor, he acted in, and performed the Office of an Inſpector of Tobacco at *Bolling*'s Point Warehouſe, in that County, from the 3d Day of *April*, to the 17th Day of *May*, 1749, in the Room of Mr *John Eppes*, one of the Inſpectors at that Warehouſe, who was then diſabled by Sickneſs to attend there: That during that Time, the Petitioner viewed 400 Hogſheads of Tobacco, and that the ſaid *John Eppes* refuſed to pay him for that Service, and praying a reaſonable Allowance to be made to him for it, by this Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true.

Reſolved, That the ſum of ſix Pounds, and fifteen Shillings, is a reaſonable Allowance for the ſaid Service of the ſaid *Thomas Jones*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the two laſt Reſolutions, and that they levy ſo much Tobacco on *John Eppes*, one of the Inſpectors at *Bolling*'s Point, as will be ſufficient to repay the Sum allowed to the ſaid *Thomas Jones*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe to whom the Bill for continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's cuſtoms*, is committed, to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the other Reſolutions.

Ordered, That Mr *Payne*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of the Houſe, till *Tueſday* next.

The Houſe proceeded to take under Conſideration the Report of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, made on *Tueſday* laſt, and the ſame was read, and is as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Propoſition from the County of *Prince-George*, for erecting public Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco, upon the Lots of Col. *William Poythreſs*, in the Town of *Blandford*, in that County, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Prince-George*, for erecting public Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco, at *Fiſher*'s Landing, on *Appamattox* River, in that County, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the Counties of *Prince-George* and *Cheſterfield*, for building a Bridge over *Appamattox* River, near the Ferry Landing at *Bolling*'s Point, are reaſonable.

The firſt Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe agree thereto.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Prince-George*, for erecting public
27 Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco, upon the Lots of Col. *William Poythreſs* in the Town of *Blandford*, in that County, be rejected.

Then the other Reſolutions of the Committee were read, and the Queſtion being ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the laſt Reſolution.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, that they had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do collect all Propoſitions and Petitions that are before the ſaid Committee, relating to the Tobacco Law, and lay them before the Houſe, and that the ſaid Committee be diſcharged from proceeding any further thereon.

And then the Houſe adjourned, till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, March 9th, 1752,

A PETITION of *John Dixon*, Proprietor of the public Warehouſes, at *Falmouth*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That he is owner of ſeveral Lots in the ſaid Town, which are commodious and well ſituated for a ſeparate Inſpection, if any ſhould be appointed in the ſaid Town, by this Houſe, and praying that the Warehouſes for the ſaid Inſpection may be erected on the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Thomas Meriwether*, Gent. was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That ſince the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly he had come to an Agreement with *Reuben Skelton*, Gent. to convey to him the Fee-Simple Eſtate and Inheritance of a Tract of Land, ſituate in the county of Hanover, near the Town of *Newcaſtle*, containing by Eſtimation, 200 Acres: That ſince the ſaid Agreement, he had diſcovered that the ſaid Land was intailed. That he is alſo ſeiſed in Fee, of two very valuable Tracts of Land, ſituate in the County of *Louiſa*, containing 2100 Acres, on which he has been at great expence in making Improvements, and praying that Leave may be given to bring in a Bill, to dock the Intail of the ſaid *Hanover* Lands, and confirm the Fee Simple and Inheritance thereof, in the ſaid *Reuben Skelton*, according to that Agreement, upon the Petitioner's ſettling, in Lieu thereof, the ſaid Lands in Louiſa, to the ſame Uſes as the Lands in *Hanover* are.

Ordered, That a bill be brought in, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Randolph* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had according to Order, prepared a Bill for appointing Truſtees for the Town of *Richmond*, in the County of *Henrico*, 28
and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Claim of *Thomas Crawford*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned,

Alſo a Claim of *Finley Dixon*, a Look-Out on the Coaſt, in the County of *Northampton*, for Services therein mentioned.

And alſo a Claim of *Gerſham Keys*, for attending as a *Venire* Man, on the Trial of *William Richy*, which was omitted in the laſt Book of Propoſitions, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, reſpectively in the Book of Claims.

A Claim of *James Jefferies*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was offered to the Houſe, and the Queſtion being put, that it be received.

Reſolved in the Negative.

A Bill for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of *Alexandria*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill, be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Bill to revive the Act, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Bill, on *Thurſday* next.

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A Bill for continuing Part of the Act, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for reducing the Laws made for laying a Duty on Liquors, into one Act of Aſſembly*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of Trade.

A Petition of *David Garland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That he is ſeiſed in Fee Tail, under the Will of his Grandfather, of a Tract of Land containing 680 Acres, ſituate in the Pariſh of St. *Paul*, in the County of *Hanover*; alſo of 2048 Acres of Land, lying in the County of *Lunenburg*, in Fee Simple; that it will be greatly to the Advantage of him and his Poſterity, if he might be enabled to ſell the Lands in the County of *Hanover* aforeſaid, in Fee-Simple, and ſettle Part of the ſaid Lands in *Lunenburg*, with Slaves of greater value, in Lieu thereof, and praying that a Bill may be brought in for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Benjamin Waller*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for leſſening the Number of Dogs, kept on any Plantation, in the Counties of *Richmond*, *King-George*, *Weſtmoreland*, *Northumberland*, and *Lancaſter*; and for preventing Injuries done by thoſe Animals, to Sheep and Hogs, in the ſaid Counties; and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Woodbridge*, and the Members for the ſaid Counties of *King-George*, *Weſtmoreland*, *Northumberland*, and *Lancaſter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, made on *Saturday* laſt, and the ſame was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

29 *Reſolved*, That the Propoſition from the County of *Louiſa*, for appointing one Perſon in every County in this Colony, to inſpect the Colours, Brands, and other Marks, of Horſes taken up as Strays, and enter them with the Poſt-Maſter, and making it Felony for any Perſon neglecting to make ſuch Entry, in a reaſonable Time, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the Counties of *Southampton*, and *Nanſemond*, for making that Part of *Nottoway* River which lies in this Colony, a particular Diſtrict, and appointing a Naval Officer there, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition, from the County of *Eſſex*, for altering that County Court Day to the third *Monday* in every Month, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Lunenburg*, for further continuing the Act of Aſſembly, made in the Twenty-ſecond Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Lunenburg*, for altering the Court Days, of that County, to the ſecond *Tueſdays* in the Months of *April*, *July*, *October*, and *January*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Frederick*, for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, in that County, and obliging them to account for the ſeveral Sums of Money levied on the Pariſhioners, and collected by them from the Year 1744, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That Mr *Fairfax*, and Mr *Gabriel Jones*, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the laſt Reſolution of the Committee.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill for eſtabliſhing a Town at *Weſtham*, above the Falls of *James*-River, and it is referred to Mr *Fry*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Whiting*, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for further continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and continuing certain Officers Fees, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill for appointing Truſtees, for the Town of *Richmond*, in the County of *Henrico*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *William Waller*, Mr *Hedgman*, Mr *Landon Carter* and Mr *Turner*.

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A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Prince-George, without any Amendment.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration, the Governor's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, March 10th.

A MEMBER having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

A Claim of *John Ruffel*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe, and received. 30

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſame, in the Book of Claims.

Mr *Carter* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *to oblige the Owners of Convict Servants, tranſported into this Colony, to pay the Charges of their Proſecutions*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Kennon*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A Petition of *Henry Robinſon*, Gent. complaining of an undue Election, and Return for the County of *Hanover*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Whiting*, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, reported, That they had, according to Order, inſpected the Journals, of the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, and prepared and drawn up a State of the Matters, then depending, and the Progreſs that was made therein; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and thereupon.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Philip Rootes*, *Bartholomew Yates*, and *Robert Yates*, Executors, of the laſt Will and Teſtament, of Rev. *John Reid*, deceaſed, ſetting forth; that a Negroe Man Slave, belonging to the Eſtate of the ſaid *Reid*, being run away, ſtabbed a Perſon who endeavoured to apprehend him, for which he was committed to the Goal of *Glouceſter* County; that he lay there ſeveral Days in Irons, in which Time, through the Inclemency of the Weather, he became Froſt-bitten, and loſt the Uſe of his Feet; that they had expended £. 7. 3. 9. for Doctors Attendance and Medicines, in endeavouring his Recovery, and praying the Relief of the Houſe, in the Premiſſes, which was preſented to the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, and received, and referred to the Conſideration of this, be referred to the Committee of Claims, and that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow in the Book of Claims, a Claim of *Edward Moſely*, for taking up a Runaway, therein mentioned; which was preſented to the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly and received, and referred to the Conſideration of this Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Whiting* alſo preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

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A Petition of *Robert Adams* was offered to the Houſe, praying to be allowed for a Negroe, who being runaway and outlawed, hanged himſelf, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be received.

Reſolved in the Negative.

31 Alſo a Petition of *Gideon Marr*, praying an Allowance for a Negroe, who being run away, and outlawed, was found dead, was offered to the Houſe, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be received.

Reſolved in the Negative.

A Petition of *William Broadnax* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That a Runaway Negroe belonging to him, having committed many Robberies, was outlawed, and being purſued, to prevent being taken, threw himſelf into a Mill-Pond, and was drowned, and praying Relief in the Premiſſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Amelia*, That the Inhabitants of the Counties, by and thro' which *Appamattox* River runs, be obliged to clear the ſaid River, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Frederick*, for adding 54 Lots to the Town of *Winchеſter*, in that County, and granting the Inhabitants thereof, the Privileges and Immunities of other Towns, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Orange*, for adding Part of that County to the County of *Louiſa*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Iſle of Wight*, for docking the Intail of certain Lands in that County, lately belonging to *Arthur Smith*, and laid off for a Town, called *Smithfield*, in Caſe the ſaid *Smith* will ſettle other Lands, of equal or greater Value, in Lieu thereof, to the ſame Uſes, as the ſaid Lands ſo laid off were, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Propoſition from the County of *Iſle of Wight*, for building a Bridge over the *Weſtermoſt* Fork of *Pagan*-Creek, above the Town of *Smithfield*, in that County, from the Land of *William Hodſden*, to the Land of *Richard Reynolds*, by the voluntary Contributions of ſuch as will ſubſcribe for it, is reaſonable.

32 *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Iſle of Wight*, for appointing a Ferry to be kept from the Land of *William Hodſden*, on *Pagan* Creek, to the Town of *Smithfield* in that County, to continue only till a Bridge ſhall be built there, and from the ſaid Town to the Land of *Charles Fulgham*, on the *Eaſtermoſt* Side of the ſaid Creek, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Fairfax*, in oppoſition to the Propoſition, from that County, for appointing the Court of the ſaid County to be held at the Town of *Belhaven*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Auguſta*, for allowing a Salary to the Miniſter of the Goſpel, in the Pariſh in that County, equal to the Salaries of other Miniſters in this Colony, is reaſonable.

The ſeven firſt Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto.

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The eighth Refolution being read a fecond Time, and the Queftion put, that the Houfe agree thereto.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Refolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Auguſta*, for allowing a Salary to the Miniſter of the Goſpel in the Pariſh in that County, equal to the Salaries of other Miniſters in this Colony, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the firſt Refolution.

Ordered, That Mr *Fairfax*, and Mr *Gabriel Jones*, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the fecond Refolution.

Ordered, That the Members for *Iſle of Wight* County, do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the fourth, fifth, and ſixth Refolutions.

Mr *Carter* alſo reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, That they had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of *John Henry*, *John Bickerton*, *John Meriwether*, Son of *William Meriwether*, Gent. deceaſed, and *Francis Jerdone*, Executor of *William Johnſon* deceaſed, to them referred, ſetting forth, That in the Year 1740 an Act of Aſſembly was made, impowering the Juſtices of *Hanover* County, and their Succeſſors, or any four or more of them, (one of whom to be of the *Quorum*,) to receive Subſcriptions, and collect the Money ſubſcribed, from the Perſons who ſhould be willing to make ſuch ſubſcriptions, and to apply the ſame towards building a Bridge over *Pamunkey* River, from *Newcaſtle*, to the Land of *Edmund Littlepage*, in *King-William* County, and to deſign, direct, and agree with Workmen for building the ſame, and for the Support and Maintenance thereof the ſaid Juſtices, or any four or more of them, or ſuch Perſons as they ſhould appoint, were directed by the ſaid Act, to ſet up and erect Gates and Turnpikes, on or acroſs the ſaid Bridge, through which no Perſon ſhould be permitted to paſs, without paying a Toll or Duty impoſed by the ſaid Act: That the Petitioners *John Henry*, and *John Bickerton*, and the ſaid *William Meriwether*, and *William Johnſon*, who were Juſtices of the ſaid County of *Hanover*, and one of them of the *Quorum*, contracted with one *William Walker*, to build ſuch a Bridge as aforeſaid, for the Conſideration of 130£. which was accordingly built, and a Gate or Turnpike ſet up thereon, and that a Perſon was appointed to receive the Toll, but that the Gate was ſoon afterwards broken down, and the People would not ſuffer the ſame to be rebuilt, and to remain: That afterwards the ſaid *William Johnſon*, in whoſe Hands the ſubſcription Paper was lodged, died, and the ſaid Paper was never found, till the Time limited for paying the ſaid Subſcription Money, expired. That *Walker* brought a Suit againſt the Petitioners, and the other Juſtices of the ſaid County of *Hanover*, and the ſaid *William Meriwether*, and the ſaid *Johnſon*'s Executor, and recovered againſt the Petitioners, and the ſaid *Meriwether*, and *Johnſon*'s Executor, only £. 169. 7. 9. and 33
1644 Pounds of Tobacco, which they have paid; and praying ſuch Relief in the Premiſſes, as to this Houſe ſhall ſeem proper, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr *Benjamin Waller*, prefented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* David Garland *is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*, and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Alexandria, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further conſideration, the Governor's Speech;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Friday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd, till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday,

Wednesday, March 11th.

MR. *Conway*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Consideration, the Petition of Mr *Henry Robinson*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *John Chiswell*, and Mr *John Syme*, to serve as Burgesses, in this present General Assembly, for the County of *Hanover*, and had partly heard as well the Petitioner, as the sitting Members by their Counsel, and had come to a Resolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the House, as follows.

Resolved, That the Petitioner do, at least Ten Days before the 25th of this Instant, *March*, which is appointed for the further Hearing of the said Petition, give Notice to the sitting Members, of any other Matters, than such as are particularly charged in the said Petition, which he shall then offer in Evidence to the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr *Wythe*, Clerk of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, have Liberty to appear as Counsel, in any Matter of controverted Elections, that shall happen before the said Committee.

A Proposition of sundry Merchants concerned in buying and exporting Tobacco, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, That the Method of packing Tobacco, used by many of the Planters in this Colony, very much depreciates the Value of that Commodity at home; that a third Inspector ought to be appointed at every public Warehouse, to inspect Tobacco, in Case of any Disability in either of the other Two; and that they be obliged to give their Attendance, for inspecting Tobacco, earlier than at
34 present is required by Law, and praying the Consideration of the House therein.

And the Question being put, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole House, to whom the Bill for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, is committed.

It passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That the Proposition be rejected.

Mr *Whiting*, from the Committee for Courts of Justice, presented to the House, according to Order, a Bill for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of* Fredericksburg, *and* Richmond, and the same was received and read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *William Waller*, from the Committee to whom the Bill for appointing Trustees for the Town of *Richmond*, in the County of *Henrico*, was committed, reported, That they had made several Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the House, and he read the Report in his Place and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingrossed.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That they had had under their Consideration several public Claims to them referred, and had come to several Resolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

Mr *Pendleton*, according to Order, presented to the House, a Bill *To vest certain intailed Lands, therein mentioned, in* Reuben Skelton, *Gent. in Fee Simple, and for settling other Lands of greater Value, to the same Uses*, and the same was received, and read a first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had, according to Order, selected all the Propositions and Petitions, relating to the Tobacco Law; which he delivered in at the Table.

The Order of the Day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Bill for continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majesty's Customs*, being read,

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Propoſitions and Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Dixon*, praying that the ſeparate Inſpection, if any appointed, at *Falmouth*, may be on his Lots in the ſaid Town;

And alſo the Propoſition from the Merchants of *Frederickſburg*, and *Falmouth*, againſt mixing ſtemm'd and Leaf Tobacco in the ſame Hogſhead, which were ſeverally preſented to this Houſe, and received, and ordered to lie on the Table; be likewiſe referred to the ſaid Committee.

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the Bill under their Conſideration, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Petition of *Francis Weſt*, Gent. complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *King-William*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, March 12th.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon the Bill for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, to revive the Act, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, on *Tueſday* next.

A Petition of the Inſpectors at *Aquia* Warehouſe, in the County of *Stafford*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying that their Salaries may be increaſed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, is committed.

A Petition of *William Hunter*, Printer, ſetting forth, That ſince his ſucceeding Mr *Parks* in his Office, he has performed the public Buſineſs as Printer, for which he has been paid by the Treaſurer, till the 31st of *December* laſt; that ſince the Salary allowed to the Printer in the Year 1744, he finds the Buſineſs much increaſed, and his Trouble and Expence neceſſarily augmented, and praying to be continued in the ſaid Office, and a competent Salary allowed him from the ſaid 31st Day of *December*;

Reſolved, That the Sum of 300 £. *per Annum*, be allowed to *William Hunter* Printer, from the laſt Day of *December* 1751, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompenſe for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, Receipts for the Duty of Slaves, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr *Benjamin Waller*, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

36 *Ordered*, That Mr *Bolling*, and Mr *Thomas Harriſon*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, 'til *Monday* next.

Mr *Lomax* from the Committee of Trade, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For erecting a Light-houſe at Cape*-Henry.

Ordered, That the Bill do lie on the Table.

A Bill, *To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* David Garland *is ſeiſed*, and *for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to Mr *Benjamin Waller*, Mr *Attorney*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Conway*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Johnſon*, and the Members for *Hanover* and *Lunenburg* Counties, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing Truſtees for the Towns of* Richmond *and* Falmouth, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Randolph*, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill, *To veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned, in* Reuben Skelton, *Gent. in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Power*, and the Members for *Hanover* and *Louiſa* Counties; that they examine into the Truth of the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, March 13th, 1752.

A PETITION of *Lewis Willis*, by *Francis Willis* his Guardian, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That a Negroe belonging to the Petitioner, was, by a Court of *Oyer and Terminer*, held in *Spotſylvania* County, in the year 1750, ſentenced to be hanged for Felony and Burglary, and valued at 50£. current Money; that before the Day appointed for his Execution he broke out of Goal, and was afterwards ſhot, and killed, and praying an Allowance for him.

Alſo a Petition of *Ralph Wormley*, Gent. was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That in the Year 1750, ſeveral of his Negroes, at his Quarter in *Frederick* County, aſſembled in a Rebellion againſt their Overſeer; that in attempting to take and diſperſe them, one was killed, and praying an Allowance for him.

And alſo a Petition of the Inſpectors at *Gray*'s-Creek Warehouſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That by a high Tide in *October* 1749, twenty ſeven Hogſheads of Crop, beſides a conſiderable Quantity of Transfer Tobacco was damaged in the ſaid Warehouſes, for which the Petitioners Notes were out; and praying the Relief of the Houſe therein.

37 *Ordered*, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Alexandria.

And alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing Truſtees for the Towns of* Richmond *and* Falmouth, without any Amendments.

A Claim of *John Gale*, for a Runaway, therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claim, in the Book of Claims.

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A Petition of *Archibald Cary*, Gent. praying that his Ferry, near *Warwick*, on *James*-River, may be diſcontinued.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry of the Inhabitants of *Prince-George* County, praying for a ſeparate Inſpection at *Bolling*'s Point, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That the Council have agreed to the Reſolve for allowing the Sum of £. 300 *per Annum*, to *William Hunter* Printer, from the laſt Day of *December* 1751, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly for his Salary, as Printer to this Government, without any Amendment.

Mr *Benjamin Waller*, reported, That the Committee to whom the Bill, *To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* David Garland *is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was committed, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and had made an Amendment thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendment in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Pendleton*, reported from the Committee, to whom the Bill *To veſt certain intailed Lands, therein mentioned, in* Reuben Skelton, *Gent. in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was committed, that they had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and that they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed. [and read] a third Time.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Propoſitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Surry*, for dividing that County, beginning on *Seacock* Swamp, at the Line dividing the ſaid County, from the County of *Southampton*, thence up the ſaid Swamp, to the main Road at *Blow*'s Bridge, thence 38
along the new Road, commonly called the Court-houſe Road, to *Copohank* Swamp, and thence down that Swamp, to *Black-Water*, and thence up *Black-Water*, to the Line dividing the ſaid County of *Surry*, from the County of *Prince George*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Surry*, for dividing that County, and erecting the Pariſh of *Southwark*, in the ſaid County, on the *North* Side of *Black-Water*, into one diſtinct County, and the Pariſh of *Albemarle*, in the ſame County, on the *South* Side of *Black-Water*, into one other diſtinct County, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſitions from the County of *Surry*, in Oppoſition to the Propoſitions, for dividing that County, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

The Houſe according to Order reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon the Bill for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

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The Order of the Day for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take under their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, being read,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Thurſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd, till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, March 14th.

SEVERAL Propoſitions from *Lunenburg* County, ſetting forth the many Hardſhips and Inconveniencies that attend the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, from the Extenſiveneſs thereof, and praying that the ſame may be divided into two Counties;

Alſo a Propoſition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Fork of *Roanoke*, praying, That if the ſaid County of *Lunenburg* is divided, they may not be left in the lower County;

Alſo a Petition of *Anne Fleet*, Widow, praying, That a Ferry may be appointed from her Land, in *King and Queen* County, acroſs *Mattapony* River, to the Land of *Thomas Fox*, oppoſite thereto;

39 Alſo a Propoſition from ſundry Inhabitants of *Cumberland* County, praying, That Quarterly Courts may be eſtabliſhed in that County;

Alſo a Propoſition from the ſaid County, againſt having Quarterly Courts; and,

Alſo a Propoſition from ſundry Inhabitants of *Nanſemond* County, praying, That a Ferry may be appointed over *Bennet*'s Creek, from the Land of *Benjamin Baſcomb*, to the Land of *Mary Buxton*, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Propoſitions and Petitions, be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A Petition of Mr *Benjamin Harris*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Cumberland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* David Garland *is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Waller*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, *To veſt certain Lands therein mentioned, in* Reuben Skelton, *Gent. in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Landon Carter* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *For leſſening the Number of Dogs kept by Overſeers, Servants, and Slaves, in the Counties of* Richmond, King-George, Weſtmoreland, Lancaſter, *and* Northumberland, and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Richard Bryan*, ſetting forth, That his Father in his Life-time, diſcovered a compound Medicine, which, by long Practice, he found effectual in curing the Dry-Gripes; that the Petitioner (to whom only he communicated the Secret of the Compound) has cured many People, who were dangerouſly ill of that Diſorder, and deſerted by other Doctors as incurable; That he is willing to divulge the Secret of his Medicine to the Public, for a competent Reward, and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee.

And

And it is accordingly referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Turner*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Walker*, Mr *Robinſon*, and Mr *Fry*, to examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon,which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow. 40

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the Town of *Alexandria*, for diſcharging the Purchaſers of certain Lots in a Marſh within the Bounds of that Town, from the Condition of building on, and improving them, according to the Act of Aſſembly, made *For eſtabliſhing that Town, and for adding to the ſaid Town, certain Lands contiguous thereto, belonging to* John Alexander, *and* Baldwin Dade, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the Town of *Alexandria*, for altering the Name of that Town to *Belhaven*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *South-Farnham*, in the County of *Eſſex*, for enabling them to ſell the Glebe of that Pariſh, and purchaſe another, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſitions from the County of *Culpepper*, for dividing the Pariſh of St. *Mark*, in that County, by the *Meander*, alias *Crooked Run*, falling in *Robinſon* River, up to Colonel *John Spotſwood's* Corner, on that Run, thence by his Line *North*, 28 Degrees *Eaſt* to *Bloodworth*'s Road, thence from *Bloodworth*'s Road, by a ſtreight Line to *Crooked Run*, a Branch of the *North* Fork of the *Gourd-Vine* River, where the main Road, called *Duncan*'s croſſes the ſaid Run, thence up the ſaid Run, to the Head thereof, thence to the Head of *White-Oak-Run*, thence down that to the *North* River; and for adding that Part of St. *Mark*'s Pariſh, which lies in the County of *Orange*, to the Pariſh of St. *Thomas*, and that Part of St. *Thomas*'s Pariſh, which lies in the County of *Culpepper*, to the upper Pariſh, to be taken from the Pariſh of St. *Mark*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Culpepper*, for dividing the Pariſh of St. *Mark*, in that County, by a Line to be run from the Mouth of *Cedar-Run*, on *Robinſon* River, to the Mouth of *Devil*'s-*Run*, thence up the *Hazle Ridge*, to the main Ledge of Mountains, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Culpepper*, for increaſing the Rewards allowed for killing Wolves, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *King-William*, for amending the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for clearing of Rivers and Creeks, by impoſing a Tax of Six Pence, on every Hogſhead of Tobacco, which ſhall be brought to the public Warehouſes of* Page's *and* Crutchfield's *to be inſpected, and ſhall be paſſed*, to be applied towards defraying the Charge of clearing *Pamunkey* River, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *King-William*, for clearing Rivers and Creeks, at the Charge of the Public, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſitions from the County of *King-William*, That all the Counties, from which Tobacco ſhall be brought to the public Warehouſes of *Page*'s and *Crutchfield*'s, to be inſpected, ſhall bear the Charge of clearing *Pamunkey* River, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Members for the County of *Eſſex*, do bring in a Bill purſuant to the third Reſolution; and they are inſtructed to receive a Clauſe, purſuant to the third Reſolution of the Report from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, made on *Saturday* laſt, for altering the Court-Day of the ſaid County. 41

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the firſt, fourth, and ſixth Reſolutions.

Mr *Fairfax* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Winchester, *and appointing Fairs therein*, and delivered

ered the ſame in at the Table, where it was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Anne Gough*, Propriatrix of the public Warehouſe at *Denbigh*, ſetting forth, That ſhe was obliged to build a Wharf for the Uſe of the ſaid Warehouſe, that before ſhe had any Allowance for the ſame, it was carried away by the Guſt in 1744; That ſhe was then obliged, by Order of *Warwick* Court, to build another Wharf for the Uſe of the ſaid Warehouſe, 70 Feet long, that ſhe petitioned the Aſſembly in 1745, for an Allowance for the ſaid Wharfs, and had Five Pounds allowed her to the 10th of *March* 1745, and her Petition referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, when it was rejected by the Committee of Claims, to whom it was referred, your Petitioner not being then able to make it appear, that the Rent of the ſaid Warehouſes were inſufficient to defray the Expence of the ſaid Wharfs, that the ſaid Warehouſe and Wharf were entirely deſtroyed by the Guſt in 1749, and praying Relief of the Houſe.

Alſo a Petition of the Inſpectors at *Page*'s and *Crutchfield*'s Warehouſes, praying an Allowance, over and above their Salaries allowed by Law, for the three Years laſt paſt, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Matters thereof ſeverally, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Petition of *Lewis Burwell*, of the County of *James*-City, Gent. and *Frances* his Wife, *Elizabeth Thacker*, Spinſter, *Henry Waſhington*, of the County of *Middleſex*, Gent. and *Anne* his Wife, and *Sarah Thacker*, Spinſter, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That *Edwin Thacker*, late of the County of *Middleſex*, Gent. was in his Lifetime, and at the Time of his Death, ſeized in Feetail General in 2800 Acres of Land, or thereabouts in the County of *King-William*, and of 3000 Acres, or thereabouts, in the County of *Middleſex*, and being ſo ſeized, departed this Life, ſometime in the Year 1745 inteſtate, leaving *Elizabeth Thacker*, his Widow, and the Petitioners *Frances*, *Elizabeth*, *Anne*, and *Sarah*, his Daughters, and Co-Heireſſes, to whom the ſaid Lands deſcended in Coparcenary[1]; that after his Death the Manſion-Houſe where the ſaid *Edwin* had lived, with 1112 Acres, or thereabouts, Part of the aforeſaid Lands in *Middleſex*, was allotted to the ſaid *Elizabeth Thacker*, Widow, for her Dower therein, and in lieu of her Dower of the ſaid Lands in *King William*, and Partition of the ſaid Lands in *King William*, and of the ſaid Reſidue of the Lands in *Middleſex*, was duly made and eſtabliſhed among the Petitioners, by Virtue of a Decree of the Honourable the General Court, ſince which the ſaid *Elizabeth Thacker*, hath lately departed this Life; That if Partition of the ſaid 1112 Acres ſhould be made among the Petitioners, their Purparts[2] thereof, would be of little Value to them reſpectively, in Regard there is a Dwelling-
42 Houſe on one Part thereof, and that with the Outhouſes and Offices belonging to it, is of ſo great Value, that to which ſoever of the Petitioners, ſuch Houſes and Offices ſhould be allotted, the Part aſſigned therewith, if any, would be of little or no Uſe, and in Regard the good and mean Parts of the ſaid Tract is inconveniently ſituated for ſuch a Diviſion; That it would be much to the Advantage of the Petitioners, if the Intail of the ſaid 1112 Acres could be docked, and the Petitioners *Lewis Burwell*, and *Frances* his Wife, *Elizabeth Thacker*, and *Sarah Thacker*, enabled, as they deſire, to ſell their Parts thereof to the Petitioner, *Henry Waſhington*, and praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Waller* do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

A Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Fitzhugh*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

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[1]Coparcenary, joint heirſhip.

[2]Purpart, the ſhare or portion of an eſtate allotted to a coparcener by partition.—The Century Dictionary.

A Bill, *To oblige the Owners of Convict Servants tranſported to this Colony, to pay the Charges of their Proſecutions*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Vaulx*, Mr *Fitzhugh*, Mr *Buſhrode*, Mr *Hedgman*, Mr *Woodbridge*, and the Members for *Northumberland* County, for Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned, in* Reuben Skelton, *Gent. in Fee Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes.*

Alſo to the Bill intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* David Garland *is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, without any Amendment.

A Bill for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of* Frederickſburg, *and* Richmond, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill, be ingroſſed.

A Bill, *For erecting a Light-Houſe at Cape* Henry, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Lomax*, from the Committee of Trade, reported, That they had had under their further Conſideration, ſeveral Matters relating to the Trade of this Colony, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 22d Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*, be amended.

Ordered, That the Committee of Trade, do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

The Houſe proceeded to take into their Conſideration the Report from the Committee of Claims, made on *Wedneſday* laſt, and the ſame was read, and agreed to, as follows.

On Conſideration of a Claim from the County of *James-City*, of three Pounds, ten Shillings, for building a Wharf at the public Warehouſe at *Hog-Neck*, in the ſaid County, and ſixteen Shillings for bringing in Place, and repairing the ſaid Wharf, it being carried acroſs the River, by a Freſh. 43

Reſolved, That the ſaid Claim is reaſonable, and that the Juſtices of *James-City* County, ought to be allowed the Sum of £. 4. 6. for the Wharf aforeſaid, and the bringing in Place, and repairing the ſame, the Rents of the ſaid Warehouſe, eſtabliſhed by Law, not being ſufficient to reimburſe them the Charge thereof.

On Conſideration of an Account of *Benjamin Eggleſton*, one of the Inſpectors of Tobacco at the *College* Landing, in the ſaid County of *James-City*, of five Hogſheads of Tobacco, damaged in the ſaid Warehouſe by the high Tide, the Property of *Joſeph Scrivener*, and *Walter King*, Merchants, and alſo for picking and reprizing the ſame.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Joſeph Scrivener*, and *Walter King*, ought to be allowed for the Tobacco they had damaged in the ſaid Warehouſe appearing by the ſaid Account, the reſpective Sums following, that is to ſay, The ſaid *Joſeph Scrivener*, the Sum of ſeven Pounds four Shillings, it being for 864*l.* Tobacco, belonging to the ſaid *Joſeph*, and damaged in the ſaid Warehouſe, as aforeſaid; and the ſaid *Walter King*, the Sum of £. 3. 8. 4. it being for 410*l.* Tobacco, belonging to the ſaid *Walter*, and damaged in the ſaid Warehouſe as aforeſaid, the ſaid Tobacco being valued at the Rate of 2*d. per* Pound; and that the Inſpectors of the ſaid Warehouſe ought to be allowed the Sum of £. 2. 10. for their Labour, Trouble, and Expence, in picking and reprizing the ſaid five Hogſheads of Tobacco.

On Conſideration of an Account of *Charles Turnbull*, of the County of *Prince George*, Merchant, of 19 Hogſheads of Tobacco, wet and damaged in *Hampton* Warehouſe, in the County

County of *Elizabeth-City*, by the high Tide, and an Account of his Expence in picking and reprizing the ſame.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Charles Turnbull*, be allowed for 3728*l.* Tobacco, which he had wet and damaged in the ſaid Warehouſe, at the Rate of 2*d. per* Pound, amounting to the Sum of £. 31. 1. 4. and the Sum of £. 4. 15. which he paid the Inſpectors at the ſaid Warehouſe, for their Trouble, Labour, and Expence, in picking and reprizing the ſaid Tobacco.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution, and that they bring in a Bill purſuant to the other Reſolutions.

The Houſe alſo proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee of Claims, made Yeſterday, and the ſame was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment, as follows.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *John Eppes*, and *James Thweat*, Inſpectors at *Bolling*'s Point Warehouſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *John Eppes*, and *James Thweat*, be allowed the Sum of £. 5 a Year each, for three Years laſt paſt, as a further Allowance for their Trouble, Labour, and Expence at the ſaid Warehouſe, during that Time.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Thomas Waller*, and *Philip Pendleton*, Inſpectors at the Warehouſes eſtabliſhed at *Walkerton*'s and *Waller*'s.

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that the ſaid *Thomas Waller*, and *Philip Pendleton*, ought to be allowed the Sum of five Pounds a Year, each, for three Years laſt paſt, as a further Allowance for their Trouble, Labour, and Expence, at the ſaid Warehouſes during that Time.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Philip Rootes*, *Bartholomew Yates*, and *Robert Yates*, Executors, *&c.* of the Reverend *John Reade*, deceaſed.

Reſolved, That it appears that a Negroe Man Slave, belonging to the Eſtate of the ſaid *John Reade*, being run away, one *Billops* endeavoured to apprehend him, That the ſaid Slave defended himſelf, and to prevent being taken, ſtabbed the ſaid *Billops* with a Knife, for which he was committed to the Goal of *Gloceſter* County, where he lay in Irons ſeveral Days, but never was tried for the ſaid Fact, the ſaid *Billops* recovering; that by Reaſon of ſuch Commitment and the Severity of the Weather, the ſaid Slave was Froſt-bitten, and loſt his Feet, that the ſaid Executors were obliged to expend £. 7. 3. 9. for the Cure of the ſaid Slave, and that the ſaid Slave, by Means of his being Froſt-bitten as aforeſaid, is rendered of much leſs Value than before.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Philip Rootes*, *Bartholomew Yates*, and *Robert Yates*, Executors, *&c.* of the ſaid *John Reade*, be allowed the Sum of £. 30. for the ſaid Slave's being Froſt-bitten as aforeſaid, and for their Expences in curing him.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make the ſeveral Allowances in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the Bill for continuing the Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd, till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'clock.

Monday, March 16th.

A PETITION of *John Lane*, Keeper of the public Goal, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying that the additional Salary of £. 15. *per Annum*, allowed the late Keeper of the ſaid Goal, in Conſideration of the Lowneſs of his Fees, may be continued to the Petitioner, from the 23d Day of *March* 1749, the Time of his being appointed.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition, be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A Claim of *John Ralls*, Aſſignee of *John Minor*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

And alſo a Claim of the ſaid *Ralls*, Aſſignee of *Robert Aſhby*, jun. for the ſame Service, were preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid 45
Claims, reſpectively, in the Book of Claims.

Mr *Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *To amend an Act intituled, An Act for the more effectual clearing of* James *and* Appamattox *Rivers.*

Alſo a Bill, *For building a Bridge over* Appamattox *River, by Subſcription.*

And the ſame were received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of* Frederickſburg, *and* Richmond, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton*, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Wincheſter, *and appointing Fairs therein*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A Petition of the Veſtrymen of *Waſhington* Pariſh, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, ſetting forth, That the preſent Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh is too ſmall for that Purpoſe, and praying that they may be enabled to ſell the ſame, and to purchaſe another more convenient:

Ordered, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Vaulx*, and Mr *Buſhrode*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Bill, *For leſſening the Number of Dogs, kept by Overſeers, Servants, and Slaves, in the Counties of* Richmond, King-George, Weſtmoreland, Lancaſter, *and* Northumberland, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Carter* reported, from the Committee, that they had gone through the ſame and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments, be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, March 17th.

A CLAIM of *Robert Dudley*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned,

Alſo a Claim of Meſſieurs *Norton* and *Hill*, Aſſignees of *James Moran*, for the ſame Service,

Alſo a Claim of *Henry Robertſon*, for the ſame Service,

And alſo a Claim of *Jacob Sikes*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to 46
the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, reſpectively, in the Book of Claims.

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A Petition of *George Purcelley*, ſetting forth, That his Negroe Man *Guy*, being by a Court of *Oyer and Terminer*, held for his Trial, ſentenced to be hanged, and valued at £. 45 Current Money, afterwards, before the Day appointed for his Execution, made his Eſcape out of Goal, and has not ſince been taken, and praying the Relief of this Houſe therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For enlarging the Fees for granting Licences to Pedlars;*

Alſo a Bill, *For further ſecuring the Freedom of Elections of Burgeſſes, and preventing Corruptions therein;*

And alſo a Bill, *For dividing the County of Surry*; and the ſame were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That the Council have had before them ſeveral Petitions from the County of *Lancaſter*, for a legal Union of the Pariſhes of *Chriſt's-Church*, and *White-Chapel*, in the ſaid County, which they recommend to the Conſideration of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Lomax*, from the Committee of Trade, to whom the Bill, *For continuing Part of the Act intituled, An Act for continuing the Act intituled, An Act for reducing the Laws made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act of Aſſembly*, was committed, reported, That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of Mr *Robert Blaws*, praying to be allowed for 2234*l*, of Tobacco, which was loſt in the public Warehouſe at *Norfolk*, in the late high Tide, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, That they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Robert Burwell*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For building a Bridge over* Pagan *Creek, and for appointing ſeveral new Ferries;*

Alſo a Bill, *To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* Arthur Smith *is ſeiſed, and to ſettle a Water-Mill, and other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes;* and the ſame was read the firſt Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bills be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, *To amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the more effectual clearing of* James *and* Appomattox *Rivers*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Chiſwell*, Mr *Fry*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Tabb*, and Mr *Eppes*.

47 A Petition of *James Picket*, was offered to the Houſe, ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, in the Year 1741, obtained a Judgment in the County Court of *Orange*, againſt one *Dennis Bryne*, for 4307*l*. of Tobacco, and 15*s*. for which the ſaid *Bryne* was taken in Execution, and committed to the Goal of the ſaid County, out of which, through the Inſufficiency thereof, for ſafe keeping Priſoners, he made his Eſcape; That being adviſed, he brought Suit againſt the Sheriff of the ſaid County, for the ſaid Tobacco and Money, and obtained Judgment in his Favour, but upon an Appeal to the General Court, the ſame was reverſed in the Year 1746, and the Petitioner obliged to pay all Coſts, amounting to £. 6. 10. Current Money, and 666*l*. Tobacco, and praying ſuch Relief, as this Houſe ſhall think fit.

And the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be received,

Reſolved in the Negative.

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A Petition of *Benjamin Harriſon*, of the County of *Charles-City*, Gent. and *John New*, of the County of *Henrico*, ſetting forth, That *John Bland*, late of *London*, being ſeiſed in Fee-Simple, of 8000 Acres of Land, in *Weſtover* Pariſh, in the County of *Charles-City*, known by the Name of *Kymages*, alias *Schymages*, did by his laſt Will, give and deviſe all and ſingular his Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, whatſoever, and whereſoever, unto his wife *Sarah*, and his Friend *Thomas Povey*, and their Heirs for ever, and appointed them his Executors; That the ſaid *Sarah* and *Thomas*, ſold 2000 Acres, Part thereof, to *Edward Bland* of the ſaid County, to hold to the ſaid *Edward*, and ſuch Woman as he ſhould marry, during their natural Lives, and the Life of the longeſt Liver of them, and after their Deceaſe to the Heirs of the Body of the ſaid *Edward Bland*, and their Heirs for ever: That the ſaid *Edward* died, leaving a Widow named *Margaret*, and a Son and Daughter named *John* and *Sarah;* That the ſaid *Margaret* intermarried with one *Tanner*, whom ſhe likewiſe ſurvived: That *John* the Son died inteſtate, and without Iſſue, and *Sarah* his Siſter, and Heir at Law, entered, and was thereof ſeiſed, and intermarried with one *John New*, and ſurvived him, by whom ſhe had Iſſue the Petitioner, her eldeſt Son and Heir, after which ſhe intermarried with *Alexander Horton;* That the ſaid *Alexander* and *Sarah*, did, by their Indenture, for valuable Conſiderations, grant and tranſfer unto *Benjamin Harriſon*, Eſq; Father to the Petitioner *Benjamin*, two third Parts of the ſaid 2000 Acres in Poſſeſſion, and the Reverſion of the other Third thereof, expectant on the Death of the aforeſaid *Margaret*, in Fee-Simple: That the ſaid *Margaret* afterwards conveyed her Eſtate therein, to the Petitioner *Benjamin*'s ſaid Father, who thereupon was ſeiſed and poſſeſſed of the Whole, which, together with the Appurtenances thereof, he gave, by his laſt Will, to the Petitioner *Benjamin* in Fee: That there have been many Law Suits and Controverſies ſubſiſting between the Petitioner *Benjamin*'s Father, and the Petitioner *John*, concerning the Title of the ſaid 2000 Acres, which are yet likely to continue between the Petitioners: But to accomodate the ſame, the Petitioner *Benjamin* is willing to give, and the Petitioner *John* to accept, the Fee Simple Eſtate of 700 Acres of Land, and the Appurtenances, lying in *Henrico* County, and Ten Negroe Slaves, in Lieu and Satisfaction of all ſuch Right as the Petitioner *John*, or thoſe claiming under him, ſhall or may have in the aforeſaid 2000 Acres of Land; and praying that an Act may paſs, for quieting the Petitioner *Benjamin*, in the Poſſeſſion of the ſaid 2000 Acres, with its Appurtenances, and for ſettling the Fee-Simple Eſtate of the ſaid 700 Acres and Appurtenances, and the 48
abſolute Property of the ſaid Ten Negroes, in the Petitioner *John*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Robert Jones*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Smithfield; and it is referred to the Members for *Iſle of Wight* County, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *To revive the Act, intituled, An Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers;*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The other Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into their Conſideration, the Amendments made by the Committee of the whole Houſe, to the Bill, *For continuing an Act intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms;*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will proceed to take into their Conſideration the ſaid Amendments To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned, till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'clock.

Wedneſday,

Wedneſday, March 18th.

A MEMBER having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Conway* from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That they had had under their Conſideration the Petition of Mr *Lewis Burwell*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Edward Champion Travis*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for *James-City*, and had fully heard as well the Petitioner, as the ſitting Member, by their Counſel, and had come ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That all the Freeholders in the Peninſula called *James-City*, are entitled to the Liberty of voting at Elections of a Burgeſs for that Place.

Reſolved, That a greater Number of Freeholders, duly qualified, voted at the Election of a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the ſitting Member, than for the Petitioner.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Mr *Travis*, is duly elected to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for *James-City*.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for reviving and amending the Acts, for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of* Frederickſburg, *and* Richmond, without any Amendment.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Mr *Weſt* have Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *King William*, and that the Committee of Privileges and Elections, be diſcharged from proceeding any farther therein.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition is frivolous and vexatious.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr *Weſt* do pay unto the ſitting Members, their Coſts, occaſioned by his ſaid Petition.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Wittonton, *in the County of* Cheſterfield, and it is referred to Mr *Claiborne*, Mr *Eppes*, and Mr *Bolling*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Waller*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, *To impower* Lewis Burwell, *Gent. and* Frances *his Wife*, Elizabeth Thacker, *and* Sarah Thacker, *to ſell certain Lands therein mentioned, to* Henry Waſhington, *Gent.* and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Whiting*, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtices, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For appointing a Treaſurer, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Town of *Peterſburg*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be heard by their Counſel at the Bar of the Houſe, againſt the Petition for building a Bridge over *Appamattox* River, at the Ferry-Landing, at *Bolling*'s Point, and the Queſtion being put thereupon,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition be rejected.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments made by the Committee of the whole Houſe, to the Bill, *For continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, and the ſame were twice read, and with ſome Amendments, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

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Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Propoſitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the Counties of *King-George*, and *Caroline*, for allowing to the Inhabitants of the Town of *Port-Royal*, in *Caroline*, the Liberty of keeping a free Ferry from the ſaid Town, to the Land of Colonel *Thomas Turner*, in *King-George*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Caroline*, for reſtraining Hogs from going at large in the Town of *Port-Royal*, in that County, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Caroline*, for reſtraining Sheep from going at large in the Town of *Port-Royal*, in that County, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the 50
County of *King-George*, for appointing a public Ferry, to be kept from the Land of *Anderſon Doniphon* in that County, on *Rappahannock* River, to the Land lately belonging to *Lawrence Battaile*, deceaſed, in *Caroline* County, be rejected.

The firſt Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *King-George* and *Caroline*, for allowing to the Inhabitants of the Town of *Port-Royal* in *Caroline*, the Liberty of keeping a free Ferry from the ſaid Town, to the Land of Colonel *Thomas Turner* in *King-George*, is reaſonable.

Then the other Reſolution being read, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions, do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions, as agreed to by the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *To revive and amend the Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd, till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, March 19th.

A PETITION of ſundry Inhabitants of *Henrico* County, praying, That the Warehouſes at *Turkey* Iſland, may be diſcontinued, and others eſtabliſhed inſtead thereof on the Land of *John Pleaſants*, junior, on *Four-Mile* Creek, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for leſſening the Number of Dogs, kept by Overſeers, Servants, and Slaves, in the Counties of* Richmond, King-George, Weſtmoreland, Lancaſter, *and* Northumberland, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter*, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Fry* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For eſtabliſhing a Town at* Weſtham, *above the Falls of* James *River*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

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A Claim of *Thomas Davies*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned,

51 Alſo a Claim of *William Hog*, for the ſame Service,

And alſo a Claim of *William Kennon* for the ſame Service, were preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, reſpectively, in the Book of Claims.

A Petition of *Benjamin Branch*, of the County of *Southampton*, was offered to the Houſe, ſetting forth, That a Runaway Negroe belonging to the Petitioner, having long continued to be guilty of many Robberies and Miſdemeanors, without ſuffering himſelf to be taken, the Petitioner, in *Auguſt* laſt, outlawed him; but before the Proclamation could be duly publiſhed, the ſaid Negroe, from a Senſe of his Crimes, as the Petitioner conceives, and fearing to be brought to Juſtice, ſhot himſelf, that on the Application of the Petitioner to the ſaid County Court, the ſaid Court valued him at £. 50 and praying the ſame may be allowed to him.

And the Queſtion being put, that the Petition be received,

Reſolved in the Negative.

Mr *Conway* from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That they had had under their Conſideration the Petition of Mr *John Wall* to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *John Willis*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Brunſwick*, and had heard as well the Petitioner, as the ſitting Member, by their Counſel, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That a greater Number of Freeholders, duly qualified, voted for the ſitting Member, than for the Petitioner.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Mr *Willis*, is duly elected to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Brunſwick*.

Upon a Motion made,

The Queſtion being put, That the Petition of the ſaid *John Wall*, is frivolous and vexatious,

Reſolved in the Negative.

A Bill, *To impower* Lewis Burwell, *Gent. and* Frances *his Wife*, Elizabeth Thacker, *and* Sarah Thacker, *to ſell certain Lands therein mentioned, to* Henry Waſhington, *Gent.* was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to Mr *Benjamin Waller*, and the Members for the County of *Middleſex*, that they examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That they had had under their Conſideration, ſeveral Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments, as follow.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Ralph Wormeley*,

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Forty Pounds for the Slave therein mentioned.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Elizabeth Wyatt*, Executrix, *&c.* of *William Wyatt*, late Keeper of the public Goal, deceaſed,

Reſolved, That ſhe ought to be allowed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to the 22d Day of *March* 1749, as an additional Salary, at £. 15 *per Annum*, beſides the Fees due by Law.

52 On Conſideration of the Petition of *John Lane*, Keeper of the public Goal,

Reſolved, That he ought to be allowed an additional Salary of £. 15 *per Annum*, beſides his Fees due by Law, from *March* 23d, 1749, to the 23d of *March* Inſtant.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Francis Willis*, Gent. Guardian to *Lewis Willis*, an Infant,

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that the ſaid *Francis Willis*, Guardian to the ſaid *Lewis Willis*, ought to be allowed the Sum of £. 50 for the Slave therein mentioned.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make the ſeveral Allowances, in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the above Reſolutions.

A Bill, *To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* Arthur Smith *is ſeiſed, and to ſettle a Water-Mill, with other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes;* was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to the Members of *Iſle of Wight*, *Nanſemond*, and *Southampton*, That they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Bill, *For dividing the County of Surry*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Benjamin Waller*, and the Members of Surry County.

Mr *Whiting*, according to order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, *For reviving and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels.*

Ordered, That the Bill do lie on the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing a Clauſe of an Act of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Lomax* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *To revive the Act, intituled, An Act for laying a Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers;* and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Carter* reported, from the Committee, that they had had the Bill under Conſideration, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, on *Saturday* next.

The other Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration, the Governor's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Governor's Speech, on *Tueſday* next.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Winchester, *and appointing Fairs therein*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, that the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Fairfax* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

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Mr *Carter*, from the Committee to whom the Petition of *Richard Bryan*, offering to communicate to the Public, his Medicine for curing the Dry-Gripes, for a Reward, was committed, reported, That they had examined into the Matter thereof, whereupon it appeared, that one Mr *Tutt*, of the County of *Spotſylvania*, being afflicted with that Diſorder, and having followed the Preſcriptions of two Phyſicians in vain, applied to the Petitioner and was immediately relieved, and in leſs than Eight and Forty Hours, perfectly cured by him; and that three other Perſons who had the Dry-Gripes, and were thought to be incurable, had applied to the Petitioner, and found no leſs Benefit from him, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner ought to be rewarded if he will communicate to the Public, his Medicine for curing the Dry-Gripes.

Upon a Motion made.

Reſolved, That the Sum of £. 250 be paid to *Richard Bryan*, as a reward for making known his Medicine for curing the Dry-Gripes, upon his producing a ſatisfactory Certificate, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, from under the Hands of Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Fry*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Conway*, Mr *Walker*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Reade*,

Reade, and Mr *Carter Burwell*, or the major Part of them, who are by this Houſe appointed to make an experiment of the Efficacy of the Medicine, that ſhall be by the ſaid *Richard Bryan* to them communicated, of their Approbation thereof.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do carry the ſaid Reſolve to the Council for their Concurrence,

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, March 20th.

A PETITION of the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Veſtrymen of the upper Pariſh of *Nanſemond*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That *William Cadowgan*, late of the ſaid Pariſh, by his laſt Will and Teſtament, dated the firſt Day of *January* 1675, among other Things, did give and deviſe unto *Thomas Milner*, Gent. his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, as Feoffee in Truſt for the upper Pariſh of *Nanſemond*, the Plantation whereon he then dwelt, for a Glebe for the Maintenance of a Miniſter to preach the Goſpel there; That the ſaid Teſtator did alſo deviſe his Seat of Land at *Somerton*, with its Appurtenances, and Stock of ſix Cows, to ſuch of his Relation and Name of *Cadowgan*, as ſhould appear in *Virginia*, and claim the ſame, and to his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, and ordered that the Rents and Profits of the ſaid Land and Stock, ſhould be received and diſpoſed by the Churchwardens and Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, towards the Maintenance of the Poor, and other charitable Uſes, within the ſaid Pariſh, until ſuch Perſon ſhould appear and claim the ſame; That the Teſtator did alſo deviſe unto the ſaid *Thomas Milner*, his Heirs and Aſſigns for ever, in Truſt as aforeſaid, 700 Acres of Land, the Rents and Profits to be diſpoſed of by the Churchwardens and Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, for the Time being, and his ſaid Feoffee, for the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and other charitable Uſes, as the Majority of the Veſtry and the ſaid Feoffee ſhould think proper.

The Petition further ſets forth, That the ſaid Lands given for a Glebe, are ſo barren, that no Miniſter, for many Years, hath lived thereon; That the other Lands given for the Benefit of the Poor, are likewiſe ſo poor, that the Profits ariſing thereby, is not ſufficient to pay the Quitrents thereof; And that no Perſon of the Name of *Cadowgan*, hath ever appeared to claim the ſame;

And praying that an Act of Aſſembly may paſs, impowering the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh, to ſell the ſaid Lands, and to apply the Money ariſing from the Sale of the Glebe Land, in Purchaſe of another Glebe, and the Money ariſing from the Sale of the other Lands, for building a Houſe for the Reception of the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, and ſuch other charitable Uſes, as the ſaid Veſtry ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick* do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants on the *South* Side of the *South* Branch of *James* River, in the County of *Albemarle*, praying that the ſaid County may be divided, and that the *South* Side, with the upper End of *Cumberland*, may be one diſtinct County and Pariſh.

And alſo a Petition of ſundry of the upper Inhabitants of *Cumberland*, praying that they may be added to *Albemarle*, were ſeverally offered to the Houſe, and the Queſtion being put, that they be received,

Reſolved in the Negative.

Mr *Riddick* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Arthur Smith *is ſeiſed, and to ſettle a Water-Mill, with other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*, was committed, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and he delivered the Bill in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered,

Ordered, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, *To lay an additional Duty on all Liquors imported from the* Northern *Colonies*; and it is referred to Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Tucker*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Bill, *For erecting a Light-Houſe at Cape* Henry, was read a ſecond Time,

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing a Clauſe of an Act of Aſſembly, therein mentioned;*

And alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Wincheſter, *and appointing Fairs therein*, without any Amendment.

A Bill, *For building a bridge over* Appamattox *River, by Subſcription*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Dewey*, Mr *Bolling*, and Mr *Eppes*,

A Bill, *For further ſecuring the Freedom of Elections of Burgeſſes, and preventing* 55
Corruptions therein; was read a ſecond Time.

And the Queſtion being put, That the Bill be Ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

It paſſed in the Negative

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

A Petition of *John Tayloe*, Eſq; Executor of the laſt Will and Teſtament of the Honourable *John Tayloe*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That an Act, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of certain Creditors*, having paſſed the General Aſſembly of this Dominion in the Year 1744, it was thought neceſſary to obtain the Royal Aſſent thereto, in order to ſecure the Continuance of thoſe Benefits which have been found to reſult from it, to the Inhabitants in this Country, a Method being thereby pointed out to them, for the Recovery of Debts due to them from Merchants reſiding in *Great-Britain*, who have Effects here; That the Diſlike of the Merchants there, to the ſaid Act, being foreſeen, and great Oppoſition expected from them to its paſſing, leſt they ſhould be alarmed by a public Solicitation; the Petitioner's Teſtator privately applied for, and at his ſole Expence obtained the Royal Aſſent to the ſaid Act, and diſburſed for that Purpoſe, £. 100 *Sterling*, and praying that he may be repaid the ſame out of the public Treaſury.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Mr *John Wall*, do pay to *John Willis*, Gent. his Coſts occaſioned by the Petition of the ſaid *Wall*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of the ſaid *John Willis*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Brunſwick*.

A Petition of *John Turner*, *Sam*, *Robin Scholar*, and others, Chief Men of the *Nottoway* Indians, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That by an Act of Aſſembly made in the Year 1748, the Chiefs of the ſaid Nation were impowered to ſell Part of their Lands, ſituate in *Iſle of Wight* County, to raiſe Money to pay the Debts of the ſaid Nation, which Act was carried into Execution, but the Money raiſed was inſufficient to diſcharge all their Debts; That their Numbers of late are very much leſſened by Sickneſs and other Caſualties, ſo that the Lands they are yet poſſeſſed of, are abundantly more than they have Occaſion for; and praying that an Act may paſs to enable them to ſell 4000 Acres more of their ſaid Lands; and the Queſtion being put thereupon,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition be rejected.

A Bill, *For continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members for the ſaid Counties and the County of *Cumberland*.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Propoſitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the County of *Lancaſter*, for uniting the Pariſhes of *White-Chapel* and *Chriſt-Church* in that County, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Albemarle*, for appointing a public Ferry over *Fluvanna* River, from the Land of *George Stoval*, the younger, on the *North*-Side, to the Land of *George Stoval*, on the *South* Side of that River, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Propoſitions from the County of *Cumberland*, for appointing the Court of that County to be held Quarterly, inſtead of Monthly, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Propoſition from the County of *Cumberland*, in Oppoſition to the Propoſitions for appointing the Court of that County, to be held Quarterly, inſtead of Monthly, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Brunſwick*, for making perpetual, ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 22^{d} year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, as appointed the Court of the ſaid County of *Brunſwick*, to be held Quarterly, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the County of *Brunſwick*, for further continuing ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 22^{d} Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, as appointed the Court of the ſaid County of *Brunſwick*, to be held Quarterly, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the County of *Brunſwick*, for appointing the Court of that County, to be held on the firſt *Tueſdays* in *January*, *April*, *July*, and *October*, inſtead of the laſt *Tueſdays* of *March*, *June*, *September*, and *December*, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Surry*, for appointing the Court of that County to be held Quarterly, *to wit*, on the third *Tueſdays*, in *February*, *May*, *Auguſt*, and *November*, under the Rules and Reſtrictions in the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Albemarle*, for allowing the Inhabitants of that County, to clear *Rock-Fiſh* River, and obliging *Allen Howard*, Gent. to erect gates in his Mill-Dam, built in the ſaid River, for the Paſſage of Veſſels, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Albemarle*, for eſtabliſhing a Mill built by *Allen Howard*, Gent. on *Rock-Fiſh* River, in that County, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Albemarle*, that the Court of that County may not have Power to contract with any Perſon or Perſons for clearing the Rivers in that County, which are not navigable, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *Anne Fleet*, Widow, for appointing a public Ferry, to be kept from her Land in the County of *King and Queen*, over *Mattapony* River, to the Land of *Thomas Fox*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *John Poſey*, for appointing a public Ferry, to be kept from his Landing on *Patowmack* River, in the County of *Fairfax*, to the Land of M^{r} *Thomas Marſhall*, in *Maryland*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *Townſend Dade*, for appointing a public Ferry, to be kept by him, from his Land on *Patowmack* River, in the County of *Stafford*, to upper *Cedar* Point, in *Maryland*, be rejected.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *William Walthal*, for repealing ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 22d Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for the Settlement and Regulation of Ferries, and for Diſpatch of public Expreſſes*, as relates to the eſtabliſhing and keeping a Ferry from the Land then of *William Pride*, now the Petitioner's, called *Store Landing*, then in the County of *Henrico*, now *Cheſterfield*, to *Anthony*'s Landing, in the County of *Prince-George*, be rejected.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *John Harriſon* and *Reuben Harriſon*, ſetting forth, That the Petitioners in the Year 1750, in Defenſe of themſelves and their families, killed two Perſons who had been aiding and aſſiſting *Utie Perkins*, in perpetrating many Felonies, and praying ſuch a Reward to be allowed them for that Service, as may encourage others to reſiſt and purſue the ſaid *Utie Perkins*, and his Accomplices;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That £. 20 to each of the Petitioners, is a reaſonable Reward for their ſaid Services.

The Fourteen firſt, and two laſt Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto;

Reſolved in the affirmative.

The fifteenth Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe do agree thereto;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *William Walthal*, for repealing ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 22d Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, *For the Settlement and Regulation of Ferries, and for Diſpatch of public Expreſſes*, as relates to the eſtabliſhing and keeping a Ferry from the Land then of *William Pride*, now of the Petitioner, called *Store* Landing, then in the County of *Henrico*, now *Cheſterfield*, to *Anthony*'s Landing in the County of *Prince-George*, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That Mr *Conway*, and Mr *Chinn*, do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a bill purſuant to the ſecond, twelfth, and fifteenth Reſolutions; and that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, for diſcontinuing the Ferry kept by Mr *Archibald Cary*, over *James* River, near *Warwick*, purſuant to his Petition for that Purpoſe, likewiſe for eſtabliſhing a public Ferry over the River *Stanton*, from the Land of *Robert Wade*, to *Cornelius Kirgill*'s. 58

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill *For continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, is committed, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the third, ſixth, and ſeventh Reſolutions.

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, do make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the laſt Reſolution.

And then the Houſe adjourned, till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, March 21st.

A PETITION of *William Taliaferro*, Gent. praying that a Ferry may be appointed from his Land in *King and Queen*, acroſs *Mattapony* River, to the Land of *John Weſt*, in *King-William* County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read:

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the Matter thereof and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

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Mr *Landon Carter*, from the Committee to whom the Bill *To oblige the Owners of Convict Servants, tranſported to this Colony, to pay the Charges of their Proſecution*, was committed, reported the Amendments, which the Committee had made thereto, and afterwards delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and with an Amendment agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingroſſed.

A Petition of *Mary Dillan*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That her Huſband was an inliſted Soldier in the late Expedition againſt *Carthagena*, and died in that Service, leaving the Petitioner with a Child, in great Need, and praying the Relief of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Vaulx* reported, that the Perſons appointed, had, according to order, prepared a Bill, *To enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Waſhington, *in the County of* Weſtmoreland, *to ſell a Tract of Land therein mentioned, and to apply the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale, towards purchaſing other Lands for a Glebe*; and the ſame was read a firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, *For building a bridge over* Pagan-*Creek, and for appointing ſeveral new Ferries*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, 'til *Monday* Se'nnight.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to order, a Bill, *For allowing a free Ferry to be kept at* Port-Royal, *and to reſtrain Hogs from going at large in the ſaid Town*;

Alſo a Bill, *To amend an Act, intituled, An Act for aſcertaining the Damage upon proteſted Bills of Exchange, and for the better Recovery of Debts, due on Promiſſory Notes, and for the Aſſignment of Bonds, Obligations and Notes*;

And alſo a Bill, *For dividing the Pariſh of St.* Mark, *in the County of* Culpepper, *and for adding Part of that Pariſh, to the Pariſh of St.* Thomas, *and Part of the ſaid Pariſh of St.* Thomas, *to the upper Pariſh, in the ſaid County of* Culpepper; and the ſame were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Conway* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *For uniting the Pariſhes of* Chriſt-Church, *and* White-Chapel, *in the County of* Lancaſter; and he delivered the ſame in at the Table, where it was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Thornton* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, 'til this Day Se'nnight.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting a Light-Houſe at Cape*-Henry, was read the third Time, and the blanks filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Lomax*, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Smith* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *To impower the Veſtry of* South-Farnham, *in the County of* Eſſex, *to ſell the Glebe Land, in the ſaid Pariſh, and to lay out and apply Money ariſing by ſuch Sale, towards purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, and erecting Houſes thereon, and for altering the Day for holding Courts in the ſaid County*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, for reviving and amending the Act, intituled, *An Act for deſtroying Crows, and Squirrels*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Lomax*, from the Committee of Trade, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For regulating the Size and Dimenſions of Staves, Headings, and Shingles, intended for Exportation*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Conway*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, that they had had under their further Conſideration, the Petition of Mr *Francis Eppes*, and others, complaining

complaining of an undue Election, and Return of Mr *Stephen Dewey*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs, in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Prince-George*, and had fully heard, as well the Petitioner, as the ſitting Member by their Council, whereupon it appeared, that in the Evening next before the Day of the laſt Election of Burgeſſes, for that County, a great number of the Freeholders thereof, ſuppoſed to be near Eighty, who all, except a very few, lived remote, ſome Thirty, and others more, Miles from the 60
Court-Houſe, went to the Dwelling-Houſe of the ſitting Member, the Earth being then covered with Snow, and the Weather exceſſive cold, where they continued 'til the next Day, and during that Time were kindly and hoſpitably entertained by the ſitting Member, who gave them ſufficient Meat, and Drink, lodged as many of them as he could, and gave them ſome Drams of Rum in the Morning; at which Time, as one Witneſs depoſed, the ſitting Member's Wife, ſaid, ſhe had been ſo employed ever ſince the Night before, but that the ſitting Member, or any Perſon for him, did not invite them to come there, nor then, nor at any other Time, ſollicit any of them to vote for him; that much the greater Part of them did vote for him, and intended ſo to do, before they went there: That by the Teſtimony of one of the Witneſſes, examined on Behalf of the Petitioners, ſeveral of the ſaid Freeholders in the Morning were drunk, but others depoſed that they were all ſober, except one, who was not ſo when he went there; that one of the ſaid Freeholders, who had formerly voted for the ſaid Mr *Eppes*, after the Election was made, being aſked by his Son, why he had voted againſt him, excuſed himſelf by ſaying, he had promiſed Mr *Dewey*, but added, he ſhould not have voted for Mr *Dewey*, if he had not been at his Houſe the Night before: That on the Day of the Election, the Wife of the ſitting Member, employed one *Drury Thweat*, a Neighbour, and Friend of her Huſband, to go with ſome of his Negroe Servants, and an Hogſhead of Punch, to take Care of it: That the ſaid *Drury Thweat*, after the ſaid Hogſhead was carried to the Court-Houſe, ordered it to be placed about an Hundred Yards from the Door, put a Cock into it, and drew ſome of the Punch, to try if it had a ſufficient Mixture of Spirit, and afterwards went into the Court-Houſe; that ſoon after the Freeholders began to be polled, in the Abſence of the ſaid *Drury Thweat*, ſeveral Perſons drank of the ſaid Punch, by the Invitation of one of the ſitting Member's Negroe-Servants, who told them, that thoſe who had voted, or would vote, for his Maſter, might drink as much as they pleaſed; and that by the Teſtimony of two Witneſſes one Mr *William Hall*, a very young Man, who is a Son of the ſitting Member's Wife, and another Perſon, intreated ſeveral Perſons to drink of the ſaid Punch; but that the ſitting Member did not know of, or order their doing ſo; and that the ſitting Member, on the Day of Election, before the Freeholders began to poll, when a Perſon aſked whether he might not have ſome Punch, declared that none ought to be drank before the Poll was concluded; and that the Friends of the ſitting Member, when they were informed that ſome Perſons were drinking his punch, immediately went to the Hogſhead, and having pulled out the Cock, ſtopped it up. And had come to a Reſolution, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and is as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Mr *Dewey* is duly elected, to ſerve as a Burgeſs, in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Prince-George*.

And the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe do agree to the ſaid Reſolution; the Houſe divided. Noes go forth.

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It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Mr *Dewey*, is duly elected, to ſerve as a Burgeſs, in this preſ- 61
ent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Prince-George*.

Ordered, That the Petitioners do pay the ſitting Member his Coſts, occaſioned by their ſaid Petition.

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The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For reviving and continuing the Act, for laying a Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned, till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, March 23d.

Ordered, THAT Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, to prevent the giving, or ſelling, ſtrong Liquor, on any Election-Day, before the Election ſhall be over, and it is referred to Mr *Conway*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Claiborne* laid before the Houſe, an Account of the Truſtees appointed, by the Act, intituled, *An Act to enable the* Nottoway Indians, *to ſell certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes, therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie on the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* Arthur Smith *is ſeiſed, and to ſettle a Water-Mill, with other Lands, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick* do carry it to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Petition of *James Dunlop*, praying to be allowed for Fourteen Hogſheads of Tobacco, drowned in the Warehouſe on *Guildford*'s-Creek, in the County of *Accomack*, in the Year 1749;

And alſo a Petition, of the Inſpectors at *Warwickſqueak*-Bay, ſetting forth, that in *December* 1750, one of the Warehouſes at that Inſpection, was blown down by the Guſt, and divers Quantities of Transfer and Crop Tobacco damaged, by the Rains, and Snow, that fell at that Time, for which the Petitioners Notes and Receipts are yet out; that the Petitioners were at great Trouble in picking the ſaid Tobacco, and ſeparating the Good from the Bad, and praying the Relief of the Houſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, for building a bridge over *Appamattox*-River, by Subſcription, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and with an Amendment agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be Ingroſſed.

62 Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, *To amend the Act, for erecting a Town at* Bray*'s-Church, in the County of* King-George; and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, and Mr *Turner*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Carter* reported, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, That they had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Accomack*, for appointing the Court of that County to be held Quarterly, inſtead of Monthly, be rejected.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Albemarle*, for making perpetual the Act of Aſſembly, which appointed the Court of that County to be held Quarterly, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Goochland*, for appointing the Court of that County to be held Quarterly, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Spotſylvania*, for appointing the Court of that County, to be held Quarterly, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the Counties of *Auguſta*, and *Spotſylvania*, for appointing proper Places, in this Colony, for the Trial of Iſſues, and enquiring of Damages, in Suits brought in the General Court, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Propoſition from the County of *Fairfax*, for altering the Days of holding Court of that County to the laſt *Mondays* in *March*, *June*, *September*, and *November*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Fairfax*, for appointing the Court of that County to be held Monthly, inſtead of Quarterly, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Fairfax*, for appointing Courts to be held between the Quarterly Courts for that County, to hear Petitions, take Probats of Wills, grant Certificates for obtaining Letters of Adminiſtration, and try Attachments, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Auguſta*, for clearing the Road, over the Mountains, at the Place called *Thorn's-Gap*, and defraying the Charges thereof by the Public, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Auguſta*, for exempting the Inhabitants of that County, from the Payment of Tithes, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Albemarle*, for appointing a Public Ferry, to be kept over *Fluvanna*-River, near the Mouth of the Double-Creeks, from the Land of *Nicholas Davies*, in that County, to the Foot of *Salopian*-Hill, on the ſaid *Davies*'s Land, be rejected. 63

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Nanſemond*, for appointing a public Ferry, to be kept over *Bennet*'s-Creek, in that County, from the Land of *Benjamin Baſcomb*, to the Land of *Mary Buxton*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Albemarle*, for impoſing a Tax of Six Pence *per* Hogſhead, on all Tobacco brought in Veſſels, down *James*, *Fluvanna*, and *Rivanna*-Rivers to the public Warehouſes, for Inſpection, to be applied towards defraying the Charge of clearing the ſaid Rivers, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Propoſition from the County of *Albemarle*, for appointing Truſtees, to collect and apply the Tax of Six Pence *per* Hogſhead, to be impoſed on Tobacco brought down *James*, *Fluvanna*, and *Rivanna* Rivers, for clearing the ſaid Rivers, and enabling the ſaid Truſtees to borrow and take up Money at Intereſt, upon the Security of the Fund to be raiſed by that Tax, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Auguſta*, for allowing a greater Premium to the Linen Manufacturers than they now have, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Middleſex*, for allowing the Affidavit of a Merchant, made to his Store-Book, in the Court of the County wherein he ſhall reſide, and certified by the Clerk thereof, with a Copy of the Account ſworn to, atteſted by ſuch Clerk, to be given in Evidence,

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in any other Court, where an Action for the Money due by ſuch Account ſhall be depending, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Middleſex*, for extending the Time in which Merchants may prove Book-Debts, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Middleſex*, That no Perſon, removing out of any County where he ſhall have contracted Debts, be at Liberty to plead the Act of Limitation, in Bar of any Action to be brought for Recovery of ſuch Debts, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Middleſex*, that Simple-Contract Creditors be entitled to a proportionable Part of their Debts, with other Creditors, if the Debtor ſhall die without leaving ſufficient to ſatisfy them all, be rejected.

The Thirteen firſt Reſolutions, being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto;

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Fourteenth Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe agree thereto;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Albemarle*, for appointing Truſtees to collect and apply the Tax, of Six Pence *per* Hogſhead, to be impoſed on Tobacco, brought down *James*, *Fluvanna*, and *Rivanna* Rivers for clearing the ſaid Rivers, and enabling ſaid Truſtees to borrow and take up Money at Intereſt, upon the Security of the Fund to be raiſed by that Tax, be rejected.

The other Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, That the Houſe agree thereto;

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill, *For continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, is committed, to receive a Clauſe purſuant to the ſixth Reſolution.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom it is referred to prepare and bring in a Bill, *For erecting ſeveral new Ferries*, to receive a Clauſe purſuant to the twelfth Reſolution.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the thirteenth Reſolution.

M^r *Fry*, laid before the Houſe an Account of public Monies expended by the Truſtees appointed for that Purpoſe, in clearing the *Fluvanna* River.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie on the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Surry*, and Parts adjoining, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying that a public Ferry may be appointed from the Town of *Cobham*, in that County, acroſs *James*-River, to *James*-Town; and the Queſtion being put, that the Petition be referred to a Committee;

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition be rejected.

M^r *Robert Jones*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill *To confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* John New, *and* Benjamin Harriſon, *Gent. for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; and the ſame was read a firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to oblige the Owners of Convict Servants, tranſported to this Colony, to pay the Charge of their Proſecution*; was read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill do paſs; the Houſe divided; Noes go forth.

Yeas 39
Noes 36

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Robert Jones*, from the Committee to whom the Bill for dividing the County of *Surry*, was committed, reported the Amendments which he had made thereto, and afterwards delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and with an Amendment agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be Ingroſſed.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for building a bridge, over* Pagan-*Creek, and for appointing ſeveral new Ferries*; was read a third Time, and the Blanks filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Robert Burwell*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence. 65

An ingroſſed Bill, *For building a Bridge over* Appamattox *River by Subſcription*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For reviving and continuing the Act, for laying a Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, March 24, 1752.

A PETITION of *Charles Ellis*, praying that a Ferry may be appointed from his Land in *Henrico*, to the Land of *Daniel Waldon*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*;

Alſo a Petition of *William Price*, Keeper of the Public Ferry, from the Land, formerly of *William Coffield*, now the Petitioner's, on *Nanſemond*-River, praying that the Prices of Ferriage, at the ſaid Ferry, may be raiſed, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom it is referred, to prepare and bring in a Bill, *For erecting ſeveral new Ferries*; that they receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, purſuant to the ſaid Petitions.

A Claim of *William Beaſely*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claim in the Book of Claims.

Ordered, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, *To confirm the Title of certain Lands ſold by the* Nottoway *Indians*, and it is referred to Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Riddick*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill *To enable the Veſtry of the Upper Pariſh of* Nanſemond *County, to ſell certain Lands, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Randolph* reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *To amend an Act, intituled, An Act for the more effectual clearing of* James *and* Appamattox *Rivers*, was committed, that they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe;

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be Ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Arthur Smith *is ſeiſed, and to ſettle a Water-Mill with other Lands, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*;

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66 Alſo to the Reſolve for giving £. 250 to *Richard Bryan*, as a Reward for diſcovering his Medicine for curing the Dry-Gripes, without any Amendment.

And that they have paſſed a Bill, intituled, *An Act to render the Laws more effectual, for preventing the ſtealing of Sheep*, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Conway*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections reported, that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration, the Petition of Mr *Richard Booker*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Wood Jones*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs, in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Amelia*, and had fully heard, as well the Petitioner, as the ſitting Member, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Mr *Wood Jones* is duly elected to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Amelia*.

Mr *Conway* alſo informed the Houſe, That it appeared to the Committee, by the Teſtimonies of ſome of the Witneſſes, that one *Richard Dudley*, was guilty of Miſbehaviour, at the ſaid Election, by obſtructing the taking of the Poll, and thereby violating the Freedom that ought to be preſerved at Elections.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Richard Dudley* be ſent for, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered, That the Petitioner pay unto the ſitting Member, his Coſts, occaſioned by his ſaid Petition,

A Petition of *Nathaniel Harriſon*, and *Hugh Adie*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That the Petitioners in the Year 1749, contracted with the Juſtices of *Stafford* County, to build a Brick Court-houſe, for the Conſideration of 44500*l.* of Tobacco, to be finiſhed by the laſt of *October* 1750: That through the many Diſappointments, and the Badneſs of the Weather, they were unable to finiſh the ſame according to Agreement, but had almoſt completed it early in the Spring following, when it was feloniouſly burnt to the Ground; and praying that the Houſe would take their Caſe into Conſideration, and give them ſuch Relief, as they ſhall think reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *William Broadnax*;

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of Fifty Pounds, for the Slave therein mentioned.

67 On Conſideration of the Petition of *William Moſely*, and *John Oſborne*, Inſpectors of Tobacco, at *Oſborne*'s Warehouſe, in *Cheſterfield* County;

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that they ought to be allowed an additional Sum of £. 10 a Year, each, for two Years laſt paſt,

On Conſideration of the Petition of the Inſpectors at *Page*'s and *Crutchfield*'s Warehouſes, in *Hanover* County;

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that they ought to be allowed an additional Sum of £. 10 a Year, each, for the Time they ſerved at the ſaid Warehouſes reſpectively, that is to ſay, *Supry Hardin*, *Nathaniel Tally*, and *David Richardſon*, for three Years, and *John Dabney*, for one Year and an half, laſt paſt.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make the ſeveral Allowances purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for building a Bridge over* Appamattox *River, by Subſcription*;

An alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for building a bridge, over* Pagan-*Creek, and for appointing ſeveral new Ferries*; without any Amendment.

Mr *Conway* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *To prevent the giving or ſelling ſtrong Liquor, on any Election Day, before the Election ſhall be over*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *James-City*, for adding Part of that County to the County of *New-Kent*, and Part of the ſaid County of *New-Kent*, to the ſaid County of *James-City*, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Lunenburg*, for dividing that County by *Staunton* River, from the Mountains, to the Confluence of the ſaid River, with the River *Dan*, and from thence by *Aaron*'s-Creek, to the County Line, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſitions from the County of *Lunenburg*, for dividing that County, by a Line to be run from the Mouth of *Falling* River, to the Dividing Line between that County and the County of *Albemarle*, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Amelia*, for dividing that County, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Auguſta*, for adding Part of that County, to the County of *Frederick*, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *William Taliaferro*, Gent. That a public Ferry be kept from the Land of the Petitioner, in the County of *King and Queen*, over *Mattapony* River, to the Land of *John Weſt*, in the County of *King William*, be rejected. 68

Ordered, That Mr *Byrd*, and Mr *Reade*, do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry, *and annexing Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle *to the Pariſh of* Southwark, was read a third Time, and the Blanks filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Robert Jones* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill *To confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* John New, *and* Benjamin Harriſon, *Gent. for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Robert Jones*, Mr *Kennon*, and the Members for *Henrico* County; that they examine into the Truth of the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon.

The Houſe according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For reviving and continuing the Act, for laying a Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, from the Committee, that they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

The Houſe according to Order reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration, the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker

Speaker refumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee, reported, That they had had the Governor's Speech, under their further Conſideration, and gone through the ſame, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That a Sum of Money be given to enlarge the Church in the City of *Williamſburg*, and for the Purchaſe of an Organ, to be placed therein.

Reſolved, That it will be a Means of cultivating a good Correſpondence with the neighbouring *Indians*, if a proper Encouragement be given to Perſons to ſettle on the Waters of the *Miſſiſippi*.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in, *To exempt the Settlers on the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi, *for a Term of Years, from the Payment of Levies and Attendance at General Muſters*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

And then the Houſe adjourned, till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, March 25th.

A PETITION of *Samuel M'Call*, of the City of *Glaſgow*, Merchant, ſetting forth That in the Year 1749, the Petitioner purchaſed 6080 Pounds of Crop, and 1145 Pounds of Tranſfer Tobacco, in the public Warehouſes on *Guildford* River, in the County of *Accomack*, which, by the late high Tide, was damaged, and praying the Relief of the Houſe;

Alſo a Petition of *Bertrand Ewell*, ſetting forth, That *Charles Ewell*, late of the County of *Prince-William*, in the Year 1744, began to build and erect an Iron Forge in the ſaid County, and finiſhed the ſame, That on or about the Time of the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly the ſaid *Charles* died, leaving the Petitioner his Executor, who has paid ſeven Years Levies at the ſaid Forge, amounting to 5270*l.* of Tobacco, and praying that the ſame may be repaid to the Eſtate of ſaid Decedent, purſuant to the Act of Aſſembly, for encouraging ſuch Sorts of Works.

Alſo a Petition of *Henry Wetherburn*, praying an Allowance for entertaining ſundry of the *Nottoway* Indians, and others; and likewiſe for the uſe of a Room which he has been deprived of, ever ſince the Fire of the *Capitol*; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Claiborne* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Wittonton, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Conway* from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That they had had under their further Conſideration, the Petition of Mr *Bertrand Ewell*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thomas Harriſon*, and Mr *Joſeph Blackwell*, to ſerve as Burgeſſes in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Prince-William*, and had heard as well the Petitioner as the ſitting Members, whereupon it appeared, That a greater Number of the Freeholders of the ſaid County, who were legally qualified, voted for each of the ſitting Members, than for the Petitioner; that the ſitting Members were not guilty of any Mal-Practice, nor uſed any illegal Methods to procure themſelves to be elected; That the Sheriff of the ſaid County demeaned himſelf, in the Execution of his Office, at the Time of the ſaid Election, fairly and impartially, but that *Abraham Farrow*, *Joſeph Nevill*, and *Henry Peyton*, of the ſaid County, whilſt the ſaid Sheriff was taking the Poll, acted riotouſly and unlawfully, aſſaulted the ſaid Sheriff, who was doing his Duty

Duty, and intimidated ſuch of the Freeholders as offered their votes for the ſitting Members, and endeavoured to oblige them to vote for the Petitioner; and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and with an Amendment agreed to by the Houſe as follow.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Mr *Harriſon*, and Mr *Blackwell*, are duly elected to ſerve as Burgeſſes in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Prince-William*.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the ſaid Mr *Ewell*, complaining of an undue Election, and Return of the ſaid Mr *Harriſon*, and Mr *Blackwell*, to ſerve as Burgeſſes in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Prince-William*, is frivolous and vexatious. 70

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Abraham Farrow*, *Joſeph Nevill*, and *Henry Peyton*, in acting riotouſly, aſſaulting the Sheriff, in the Execution of his Office, and intimidating the Voters, at the ſaid Election, were guilty of a Violation of the Freedom of Elections, and of the Privileges of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Mr *Ewell*, do pay unto the ſitting Members their Coſts, occaſioned by his ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to regulate the ſaid Coſts, and to levy the ſame on the Petitioner, in the Book of Claims.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Abraham Farrow*, *Joſeph Nevill*, and *Henry Peyton*, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Mr *Attorney* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *To amend an Act*, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein*; and one other Act, intituled, *An Act directing the Method of Trial of Criminals for Capital Offences, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be printed, and a Copy thereof ſent, by the printer, to each of the Members of this Houſe.

Mr *Robert Jones* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, examined into the Allegations of the Bill, *To confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* John New, *and* Benjamin Harriſon *Gent. for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes, therein mentioned*; and found them to be true, and alſo that they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto: Which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*:

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting a Light-Houſe at Cape*-Henry, *with ſome Amendments*; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Claim of *Major Mehone*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, in the Book of Claims.

A Bill, *For allowing a free Ferry to be kept at* Port-Royal, *and to reſtrain Hogs from going at large, in the ſaid Town*; was read a ſecond Time and committed to Mr *Lomax*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Turner*, and Mr *William Waller*.

Mr *Fitzhugh* moved, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For eſtabliſhing a Town, and erecting a Building therein, for holding General Aſſemblies, and General Courts, in a Place more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony, than the City of* Williamſburg; and the Queſtion being put thereupon, the Houſe divided; Yeas go forth. 71

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It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the eſtabliſhing a Town, and erecting a Building therein, for holding General Aſſemblies, and General Courts, more convenient to the Inhabitants, than the City of *Williamſburg*, will be a great Advantage to this Colony.

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly, and it is referred to Mr *Fitzhugh*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Martin*, and Mr *William Randolph*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Propoſitions and Petitions, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Albemarle*, for allowing a farther Reward of 100 *lbs.* of Tobacco, for killing an old Wolf, and of 50 *lbs.* Tobacco, for killing a young Wolf, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Albemarle*, for paying the Premium allowed to the Makers of Hemp, in the Counties where the ſame is made, to be repaid by the Public, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Albemarle*, for relieving the Inhabitants of that County, not employed in making Tobacco, as to the Payment of their Levies and Officers Fees, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Veſtry, of the Pariſh of *Truro*, in the County of *Fairfax*, for enabling the Churchwardens, or Veſtry, of that Pariſh, to ſell their Glebe-Land, and pay the upper Pariſh of that County, lately taken from *Truro*, their Proportion of what the ſaid Land may ſell for, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Cameron*, in the County of *Fairfax*, for obliging the Pariſh of *Truro*, to pay to the Pariſh of *Cameron*, their Proportion of what the Glebe-Land of the Pariſh of *Truro*, and Improvements thereon, coſt, and alſo of Two Thouſand Pounds of Tobacco, levied before thoſe Pariſhes were divided, to purchaſe Books, for the Uſe of the Chapel, then in *Truro*, now in *Cameron* Pariſh, which have not been applied to that Purpoſe, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Nottoway*, in the County of *Amelia*, for diſſolving the Veſtry of that Pariſh, is reaſonable.

On conſideration of the Petition of *Nathaniel Harriſon*, and *Hugh Adie*, praying to be relieved touching an Agreement, made by them with the Juſtices of *Stafford* County, to build a Court-Houſe for the ſaid County, which was burnt down before it was finiſhed,

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true.

72 *Reſolved*, That the Juſtices of the ſaid County of *Stafford*, be impowered to levy on the Tithables of their County, ſo much as they ſhall think the Petitioners ought to have, and pay the ſame to them.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills, purſuant to the ſecond, third, fourth, ſixth, and eighth Reſolutions.

A Bill to enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Waſhington*, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, to ſell a Tract of Land therein mentioned, and to apply the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale, towards purchaſing other Land for a Glebe, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Pendleton*, the Members of *Weſtmoreland* County, and Mr *Johnſon*, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Bill, *For uniting the Pariſhes of* Chriſt-Church, *and* White-Chapel, *in the County of* Lancaſter; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Power*, Mr *Conway*, and Mr *Chinn*.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for clearing* Appamattox, *and* Pamunkey *Rivers*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Randolph* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Claim of *John Peyton*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was offered to the Houſe, and the Queſtion being put that it be received.

Reſolved in the Negative.

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A Bill, for further continuing an Act, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Bill, *For eſtabliſhing a Town at* Weſtham, *above the Falls of* James-*River*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to M^r *Randolph*, M^r *Fry*, M^r *Howard*, M^r *Carrington*, M^r *Scott*, and M^r *Cocke*.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending the Act*, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*; was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd, till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, March 26, 1752.

A PETITION of *Unity Dandridge*, Widow, and *Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge*, eldeſt Son and Heir of *William Dandridge*, Eſq; deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That *Nathaniel Weſt*, late of the County of *King-William*, Father of the Petitioner *Unity*, died, ſeiſed in Fee-Tail of a Tract of Land in the ſaid County, called *Barber*'s-Hills, inteſtate, leaving her his only Child and Heir. That after his Death, *William Dandridge*, Eſq; deceaſed, Huſband of the ſaid 73
Unity, entered into the ſaid Land, in her Right, and purchaſed the Fee-Simple Eſtate and Inheritance of ſeveral other Tracts, in the ſaid County, and by his laſt Will did deviſe unto the Petitioner *Nathaniel*, and his Heirs for ever, (after the Death of the ſaid *Unity*) all his Lands, Plantations, Marſhes, and ſunken Grounds that he had, or purchaſed in the ſaid County, upon Condition, that the ſaid *Nathaniel* ſhould conſent to, and endeavour, to dock the Intail of the ſaid Tract, called *Barber*'s-Hills, by Act of Aſſembly, and get the Fee-Simple thereof veſted in his Brother *William*, and the ſaid Lands deviſed to the Petitioner *Nathaniel*, together with Ten Slaves in the Will mentioned, ſettled to the ſame Uſes in Lieu thereof; and praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to M^r *Martin*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Council, by M^r *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry, *and annexing Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle, *to the Pariſh of* Southwark; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, *To eſtabliſh the Town of* Portſmouth *in the County of* Norfolk; and it is referred to M^r *Power*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of the Inſpectors of *Pitts*, and *Guildford* Warehouſes, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That a large Quantity of Tobacco (as *per* Schedule annexed) was damaged in the ſaid Warehouſes, at *Guildford*, by a high Tide in the Year 1749, for which they are accountable to the Owners, that they were at great Trouble in picking and repriſing the ſame, and praying the Relief of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry, *and annexing Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle, *to the Pariſh of* Southwark; and the ſame being read, were diſagreed to.

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council to inform them, that this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments by them propoſed, to the ſaid Bill, and deſire that they will paſs the ſame without the Amendments, and that Mr *Jones* do go up with the ſaid Meſſage.

Mr *Riddick*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, *For laying a further Duty upon Liquors imported from the Northern Colonies*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Conway*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections reported, that they had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of Mr *Henry Robinſon*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *John Chiſwell*, and Mr *John Syme*, to ſerve as Burgeſſes, in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Hanover*, and had fully heard, as well the Petitioner, as the ſitting Members, by their Council; whereupon
74 it appeared, That Mr *Chiſwell*, after publiſhing the Writ for electing Burgeſſes for the ſaid County, applied to one *Morris* to vote for him, but the ſaid *Morris* told him, it had been reported, that the ſaid Mr *Chiſwell* deſired to divide the ſaid County and the Pariſhes in it, and that unleſs he was aſſured, that the ſaid Mr *Chiſwell* would not attempt to make ſuch Diviſion, he would not vote for him, that thereupon the ſaid Mr *Chiſwell* declared, that he would oppoſe ſuch Diviſions, and that he always was againſt them, and ſigned, ſealed, and delivered a Writing, which is hereto annexed; that in the Opinion of the ſaid *Morris*, many Perſons voted for Mr *Chiſwell*, who would not have done ſo if he had not executed ſuch Writing, but before that Report, the People were generally inclined to vote for Mr *Chiſwell*; that the ſaid *Morris* aſked the Petitioner if he would divide the ſaid Pariſhes it he ſhould be elected? Who told him, it was not a fair Queſtion; that the Reaſon why the ſaid *Morris* oppoſed the ſaid Diviſion of the Pariſhes, was, that it would enhance the Taxes on himſelf, who is a Diſſenter from the Church of *England*, and others of his Sect, who are very numerous in that County, and who ſupport a Miniſter of their own; and that the Churchmen were equally averſe to the Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſhes and County; that one *Grant*, who was not a Freeholder of the ſaid County, but one of the Principal Men among the Diſſenters, having heard a Report that Mr *Syme*, if he ſhould be elected, would agree to divide the Pariſhes, told him of it, who declared, that he was always averſe to it, and, at the Requeſt of the ſaid *Grant*, executed the Bond, which is hereto annexed, bearing Date about four Days before the Day of Election, and deſired it might be publiſhed, which was accordingly done at a Meeting of the Diſſenters the next Day; that as the ſaid *Grant* depoſed, he believes the Petitioner might have been choſen, if Mr *Chiſwell* had not ſet up as a Candidate, but does not know that the ſaid Bond influenced any Perſon to vote for Mr *Syme*, and that ſome few of the Diſſenters, in the ſaid County, voted for the Petitioner; that one *Hicks*, a Friend of Mr *Syme*, ſometime before the Writ for electing Burgeſſes for the ſaid County iſſued, was imployed by him to ſolicit Freeholders to vote for him, and in *July* laſt, received from him a Dollar, to be laid out in treating them with Liquor, but that very ſoon after the ſaid Writ was publiſhed Mr *Syme* forbid him to continue to treat for him, notwithſtanding which, the ſaid *Hicks*, as he depoſed, having advertiſed, that he intended to have a Mare ſhot for, a very few Days before the Day of Election, and that he intended to diſtribute ſome Liquor among thoſe who were to ſhoot for her, gave to ſeveral Freeholders, and others aſſembled for that Purpoſe, the ſitting Members being preſent, three Gallons of Rum, although his ſaid Mare was not ſhot for, having before ſtrayed away, and ſolicited ſeveral of the ſaid Freeholders to vote for Mr *Syme*, and that he does not expect to receive any Satiſfaction from Mr *Syme* for his Expences on that Occaſion; That the ſaid *Hicks* alſo ſolicited a Friend of his to vote for Mr *Syme*, but did not preſs him after he declared he intended to vote for the Petitioner, and Mr *Taylor*; That Perſons at the ſame Time made Intereſt for the Petitioner, and that there were more Perſons there in the Intereſt of the Petitioner than of Mr *Syme*; That the ſaid *Hicks* was inclined ſometime before to vote for the Petitioner, but, being indebted to him about 200 *l.* of Tobacco, for Clerk's Fees, and deſiring him to forbear demanding Payment of them, and the Peti-
75 tioner declaring he muſt not, left other Perſons ſhould deſire him to do ſo likewiſe, determined

mined to vote againſt him; That one *Higginſon* at one Time before the ſaid Writ iſſued, at the Requeſt and in Behalf of Mr *Syme*, had given Liquors to the Freeholders of the ſaid County, and the ſaid Mr *Syme* repaid him what he had diſburſed for that Purpoſe; That the ſaid *Higginſon*, the Night before the Day of Election, without the particular Direction or Knowledge of Mr *Syme*, entertained and gave Liquor to many of the Freeholders of the ſaid County, who lived remote from the Court-houſe, and were travelling thither, and came to his Houſe by his Invitation, and who all, except one or two, voted for Mr *Syme*, and that the ſaid *Higginſon*, as he depoſed, expects to be reimburſed by Mr *Syme*, his Expences on that Occaſion, becauſe he had been ſo before; That Mr *Syme* did not order the ſaid *Higginſon*, as he had *Hicks*, not to give Liquor to the Freeholders after the ſaid Writ was publiſhed, but had not ſeen him for ſome Months before; That at ſeveral other Times, after the ſaid Writ was publiſhed, Liquors were given to the Freeholders, but at whoſe Expence does not appear, but it was reported they were for all the Candidates; That the ſitting Members and Petitioner were preſent at ſome of them, and Solicitations were uſed to procure Votes for them; and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

Reſolved, That Mr *John Chiſwell*, and Mr *John Syme*, are not duly elected to ſerve as Burgeſſes in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Hanover*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Writing and Bond, mentioned in the Report to have been given by the ſitting Members, be immediately torn, and thrown under the Table.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue, for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Hanover*, in the Room of Mr *Chiſwell*, and Mr *Syme*, who are voted not duly elected, and that Mr Attorney, do wait on the Governor with the ſaid Addreſs.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they inſiſt on their Amendments to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry, *and annexing Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle *to the Pariſh of* Southwark, diſagreed to by this Houſe, and deſire the Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement thereto.

Mr *Pendleton*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *To enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Waſhington, *in the County of* Weſtmoreland, *to ſell a Tract of Land therein mentioned, and to apply the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale, towards purchaſing other Lands for a Glebe*, was committed, reported, That they had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and he delivered the Bill in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That they had had under their Conſideration, ſeveral Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Report do lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

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Monday, March 30, 1752.

AN ingroſſed Bill from the Council, intituled, *An Act to render the Laws more effectual for preventing the ſtealing of Sheep*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a third Time.

Mr *Fairfax* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *For diſſolving the Veſtry of* Frederick *Pariſh, in* Frederick *County*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Randolph* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For eſtabliſhing a Town at* Weſtham, *above the Falls of* James-*River*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe;

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Harris* have Leave to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Samuel Scott*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Cumberland*, and that the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from any further Proceedings thereon.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* John New, *and* Benjamin Harriſon, *Gent. for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Robert Jones* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Power* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For uniting the Pariſhes of* Chriſt-Church, *and* White-Chapel *in the County of* Lancaſter, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and with ſome Amendments agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

The Houſe proceeded to take into their Conſideration the Amendments inſiſted on by the Council, to the Bill, *For dividing the County of* Surry, *and annexing Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle, *to the Pariſh of* Southwark, diſagreed to by the Houſe, and the ſame were twice read, and thereupon

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth inſiſt on their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council to inform them, that this Houſe doth
77 inſiſt on their Diſagreement to the Amendments, by them inſiſted on, to the ſaid Bill, and deſire that they will paſs the Bill, without the Amendments, and that Mr *Robert Jones*, do go up with the ſaid Meſſage.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for clearing* Appamattox *and* Pamunkey *Rivers*, with an Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to regulate the Coſts of Mr *Dewey*, occaſioned by the Petition of Mr *Francis Eppes*, complaining that he was not duly elected and returned to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Prince-George*, and that they levy in the Book of Claims, ſo much on the ſaid *Francis Eppes*, as will be ſufficient to pay the ſame.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Waſhington, *in the County of* Weſtmoreland, *to ſell a Tract of Land therein mentioned and to apply the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale, towards purchaſing other Land for a Glebe*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Vaulx* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for further continuing an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officer's Fees, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Waller* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they adhere to the Amendments by them propoſed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry, *and annexing Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle, *to the Pariſh of* Southwark, diſagreed to by this Houſe, and deſire that this Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement thereto.

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An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town at* Weſtham, *in the County of* Henrico; was read a third Time;

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Fry*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded to take into their Conſideration, the Amendments adhered to by the Council, to the Bill, *For dividing the County of* Surry, *and annexing Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle, *to the Pariſh of* Southwark, diſagreed to by the Houſe, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth adhere to their Diſagreements to the ſaid Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town at* Weſtham, *in the County of* Henrico;

Alſo to the Bill intituled, *An Act for further continuing an Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; without any Amendment.

And that they have made ſome Amendments to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable* 78
the Veſtry of the Pariſh of Waſhington, *in the County of* Weſtmoreland, *to ſell a Tract of Land therein mentioned, and to apply the money ariſing by ſuch Sale, towards purchaſing other Land for a Glebe*, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to take into Conſideration, the ſaid Amendments, and the ſame being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Vaulx*, do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and inform them, that this Houſe doth agree to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

A Bill, *To impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* South-Farnham, *in the County of Eſſex, to ſell the Glebe Land, in the ſaid Pariſh, and to lay out, and apply the money ariſing by ſuch Sale, towards purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, and erecting Houſes thereon, and for altering the Day for holding Courts in the ſaid County*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Claim of *Richard Jones*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claim in the Book of Claims.

A Bill, *To prevent the giving or ſelling ſtrong Liquor, on any Election Day, before the Election ſhall be over*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Conway*, and Mr *Pendleton*.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd, till To-Morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, March 31ſt, 1752.

MR *Moor* laid before the Houſe an Account of the ſurviving Truſtees appointed by Act of Aſſembly for ſelling certain Lands belonging to the *Pamunkey* Indians.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie on the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *To impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Truro, *in the County of* Fairfax, *to ſell their Glebe, and to pay Part of the Purchaſe Money, to the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Cameron.

Alſo a Bill, *For enlarging the Church in the City of* Williamſburg, *and purchaſing an Organ to be placed therein.*

Alſo a Bill, *To allow certain Perſons in the County of* Albemarle, *to diſcharge their Levies and Officer's Fees, in Money, inſtead of Tobacco.*

Alſo

Alſo a Bill *To diſcharge ſuch Perſons, as ſhall purchaſe Lots in the Town of* Alexandria, *from the Condition of building thereon, and to veſt certain Lands therein mentioned, in the Truſtees of the ſaid Town, for the uſe of the Inhabitants thereof.*

Alſo a Bill, *To impower the Juſtices of the County of* Stafford, *to levy for* Nathaniel Harriſon, *and* Hugh Adie, *Gent. the Value of their Work and Labour, in building a Courthouſe for that County, which was burned, before it was finiſhed.*

79 And alſo a Bill, *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and diſcontinuing certain others*; and the ſame were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

M^r *Fry* from the Committee of Claims, reported, That they had had under their Conſideration divers Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Samuel M'Call*, Merchant,

Reſolved, That he ought to be allowed for 4976 *lbs.* of Crop Tobacco, at the Rate of 16 *ſ.* and 8 *d. per* Hundred, and 1145 *lbs.* Transfer Tobacco, at the Rate of 15 *ſ. per* Hundred, damaged in *Andrews*'s; Warehouſe, on *Guildford*-River, in the County of *Accomack*.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Henry Wetherburn*,

Reſolved, That he ought to be allowed the Sum of Four Pounds Nine Shillings and Ten Pence Half Penny, for the Entertainment of the *Indians* and other Perſons in the Petition mentioned, and the Sum of Twenty Shillings for the Uſe of the Room, in the ſaid Petition alſo mentioned.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to whom it is referred, to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to ſeveral Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, reported on *Saturday* the 14^th^ Inſtant, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution, and that the ſaid Committee do make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the other Reſolution.

The Houſe proceeded to take into their Conſideration, the Report from the Committee of Claims made on *Thurſday* laſt, and the ſame was read and agreed to, as follows.

On Conſideration of the Petition of the Inſpectors, at the Warehouſes at *Gray*'s-Creek, in the County of *Surry*, and a Schedule thereto annexed,

Reſolved, That the reſpective Owners of Tobacco, wet and damaged, in the ſaid Warehouſes, and mentioned in the ſaid Schedule, ought to be allowed for the ſame, at the Rates following; that is to ſay: The Owners of Crop Tobacco, at the Rate of 16 *ſ.* 8 *d. per* Hundred; and the Owners of Transfer Tobacco, at the Rate of 15 *ſ. per* Hundred, according to the Quantity in the aforeſaid Schedule mentioned; and that the ſaid Inſpectors ought to be allowed 7 *ſ.* and 6 *d. per* Hogſhead, for their Trouble, Labour, and Expence, in picking and repriſing the 27 Hogſheads of Tobacco, wet and damaged, in the ſaid Warehouſes, (17 of which only were ſaved) amounting to £. 10. 2. 6. and the Sum of Twelve Shillings, for the Inſpection of four Hogſheads of the ſaid Tobacco, which they accounted for with the Treaſurer of this Colony, and never received the ſaid Tobacco, being wet and damaged, and never ſhipped by the Owner thereof.

On Conſideration of an Account from the Inſpectors at *Hampton*, in the County of *Elizabeth-City*, of Fifty Eight Hogſheads of Tobacco, damaged in the ſaid Warehouſes, by the high Tide,

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Owners of Tobacco, in the ſaid Inſpectors Account, mentioned and damaged in the ſaid Warehouſes, ought to be allowed for the ſame, at the Rate of 16 *ſ.* and 8 *d. per* Hundred, according to the reſpective Quantities of Tobacco in
80 the ſaid Account mentioned, (except *Charles Turnbull*, Merchant, who hath already been allowed for Eighteen Hogſheads belonging to him, alſo mentioned in the ſaid Account,) and that the Inſpectors, at the ſaid Warehouſes, ought to be allowed the Sum of Seventeen Pounds, in full Satisfaction for their Trouble, Labour, and Expence, in picking and repriſing the Fifty Eight Hogſheads of Tobacco, wet and damaged, in the ſaid Warehouſes, at 7 *ſ.* and 6 *d. per* Hogſhead, they having already received the Sum of Four Pounds Fifteen Shillings, from the ſaid *Turnbull*.

On

On Conſideration of the Petition of *James Dunlop*, Merchant, and a Schedule thereunto annexed,

Reſolved, That he ought to be allowed for Fourteen Hogſheads of Tobacco, wet and damaged at *Guildford* Warehouſe, in the County of *Accomack*, in the ſaid Petition and Schedule mentioned, at 16 *f.* and 8 *d. per* Hundred.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Robert Tucker*,

Reſolved, That he ought to be allowed for one Hogſhead of Tobacco therein mentioned, wet and damaged in *Norfolk* Warehouſe, 16 *f.* and 8 *d. per* Hundred,

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Ann Gough*, late Propriatrix of *Denbigh* Warehouſe, in the County of *Warwick*,

Reſolved, That ſhe ought to be allowed the Sum of Ten Pounds, in full, for the Wharf in the ſaid Petition mentioned, the Rents of the ſaid Warehouſe not being ſufficient to reimburſe her Charge in building the ſame.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Katherine Dillan*, Widow of *Charles Dillan*, who died in His Majeſty's Service, on the Expedition againſt the *Spaniards*,

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that ſhe ought to be allowed the Sum of Ten Pounds Current Money.

On Conſideration of the Petition of the Inſpectors at *Warwickſqueak*-Bay Warehouſes, in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, and a Schedule thereunto annexed,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Inſpectors ought to be allowed the Sum of Seven Pounds Fifteen Shillings, for 930 *lbs.* Tobacco at 16 *f.* and 8 *d. per* Hundred damaged in the ſaid Warehouſes, to pay the ſeveral Owners thereof, and alſo the Sum of Twenty Shillings for their Trouble, Labour, and Expence, in picking and repriſing the Tobacco, damaged in the ſaid Warehouſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to whom it is referred to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to ſeveral Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee, reported on *Saturday* the 14th Inſtant, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the 1ſt 2d 3d 4th and 7th Reſolutions, and that the ſaid Committee do make the ſeveral Allowances in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the fifth and ſixth Reſolutions.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the lower Part of *Henrico* County, praying that the Inſpection at *Turkey*-Iſland, in that County, may be diſcontinued, and two Warehouſes appointed inſtead thereof, on the Land of *Charles Woodſon*, on the lower Side of the Mouth of Four Mile Creek, and on the Land of *John Pleaſants*, on the upper Side thereof, to be under one Inſpection, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Upon a Motion made, 81

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance, in the Book of Claims, to the ſeveral Perſons who attended the General Court as Witneſſes for the King, againſt *Thomas Pinckard*, on an Indictment exhibited againſt him by *Charles Carter*, Eſq; for a forcible Entry, and alſo againſt *Landon Carter*, Eſq; on an Indictment exhibited againſt him by the ſaid *Thomas Pinckard*, for a Challenge, of which ſaid Indictments they were acquitted on Trials, and that they levy the ſame on the ſaid *Charles Carter*, and *Thomas Pinckard*, reſpectively, in the Book of Claims.

Ordered, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, *To oblige Proſecutors of Offences not Capital, to pay the Coſts of the Proſecution, where the Defendant ſhall be acquitted*; and it is referred to Mr *Benjamin Waller*, Mr *Attorney*, and Mr *Conway*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That they had had under their Conſideration, divers Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and with an Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Bertrand Ewell*, Executor, *&c.* of *Charles Ewell*, deceaſed,

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That he ought to be allowed 5209 *lbs.* Nett Tobacco, for Levies paid by the ſaid *Charles Ewell*, deceaſed, in his Life Time, and the ſaid *Bertrand Ewell*, ſince his Death, for the Tithable Perſons employed in the Iron-Works in the ſaid Petition mentioned, for Seven Years, to wit, from the Year 1744, to the Year 1750, including the ſaid Years.

On Conſideration of the Petition of the Inſpectors at *Guildford* Creek Warehouſe, in the County of *Accomack*, and a Schedule thereto annexed,

Reſolved, That there were 40 Hogſheads of Crop, and 9940 *lbs.* Tranſfer Tobacco, damaged in the ſaid Warehouſe, out of which the Inſpectors at the ſaid Warehouſe, have ſaved 41 Hogſheads, and picked and reprized the ſame, which is now remaining in the ſaid Warehouſe.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Owners of Crop Tobacco, damaged in the ſaid Warehouſe, ought to be allowed for the ſame at the Rate of Fifteen Shillings *per* Hundred, according to the reſpective Quantities in the ſaid Schedule contained, except *James Dunlop*, and *Samuel M'Call* Merchant, on whoſe Petitions, Reports have already been made.

Reſolved, That the Inſpectors at the ſaid Warehouſe ought to be allowed 7 *ſ.* and 6 *d.* a Hogſhead, for the 41 Hogſheads of Tobacco, ſaved out of the Tobacco damaged in the ſaid Warehouſe, amounting to £. 15. 7. 6. for their Trouble and Expence, in picking and repriſing the ſame.

On Conſideration of an Account, from the Court of the County of *Elizabeth-City*, of £. 42. 10. for building and repairing a Wharf, for the Uſe of *Hampton* Warehouſe, in that County.

Reſolved, That the Juſtices of the ſaid County ought to be allowed the Sum of £. 42. 10. for building and repairing the ſaid Wharf, the Rents of the ſaid Warehouſe not being ſufficient to reimburſe them the Charge thereof.

82 *Ordered*, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the laſt Reſolution, and that the ſaid Committee, to whom it is referred, to bring in a Bill purſuant to ſeveral Reſolutions, of a Report of the ſaid Committee, made on *Saturday* the 14th Inſtant, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the other Reſolutions.

Mr *Benjamin Waller* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *To impower* Lewis Burwell, *Gent. and* Frances *his Wife*, Elizabeth Thacker, *and* Sarah Thacker, *to ſell certain Lands therein mentioned, to* Henry Waſhington, *Gent.* was committed, had, according to Order, examined into the Allegations thereof and found them to be true, and that they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to, by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, *To explain the Charter and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and appoint Truſtees*; and it is referred to Mr Attorney, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* South-Farnham, *in the County of* Eſſex, *to ſell the Glebe Land, in the ſaid Pariſh, and to lay out, and apply the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale, towards purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, and erecting Houſes thereon, and for altering the Day of holding Courts in the ſaid County*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Francis Smith* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Power*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Portſmouth, *in the County of* Norfolk; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Lomax* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For allowing a free Ferry to be kept at the Town of* Port-Royal, *and to reſtrain Hogs from going at large in the ſaid Town*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* South-Farnham *in the County of* Eſſex, *to ſell the Glebe Land in the ſaid Pariſh, and to lay out and apply the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale, towards purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, and erecting Houſes thereon, and for altering the Days of holding Courts in the ſaid County*, without any Amendments.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Nottoway, *in the County of* Amelia, *and electing a new Veſtry* in the ſaid Pariſh.

Alſo a Bill, *To amend an Act, intituled, an Act for clearing Rivers and Creeks*; 83

Alſo a Bill, *For paying the Praemium allowed to the Makers of Hemp, in the Counties where the ſame is made.*

And alſo a Bill, *For encouraging Perſons to ſettle on the Waters of* Miſſiſippi; and the ſame were read the firſt Time, and Ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* reported, That the Perſons appointed had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *To confirm the Title of Lands, purchaſed of the* Nottoway *Indians*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for uniting the Pariſhes of* Chriſt-Church, *and* White-Chapel, *in the County of* Lancaſter; was read a third [time.]

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Conway*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for clearing* Appamattox *and* Pamunkey *Rivers*; and the ſame being read, were agreed to with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and inform them, That the Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, with ſome Amendments, and deſire they will paſs the Bill, with the Amendments as agreed to.

And then the Houſe adjourned, till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Wedneſday, April 1ſt.

MR *Lomax* from the Committee of Trade, preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill, *For preventing the Importation of* Madeira *Wines, in Caſks under the true Gauge*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned, in* Henry Waſhington, *Gent. in Fee-Simple*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Waller* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to regulate the Coſts of Mr *Willis*, occaſioned by the Petition of Mr *John Wall*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of the ſaid Mr *Willis*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Brunſwick*, and that they levy the ſame in the Book of Claims, on the ſaid Petitioner.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to regulate the Coſts of Mr *Wood Jones*, occaſioned by the Petition of Mr *Richard Booker* complaining of an undue Election and Return of the ſaid Mr *Jones*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent 84
General Aſſembly, for the County of *Amelia*, and that they levy ſo much in the Book of Claims, on the Petitioner, as will be ſufficient to pay the ſame.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for allowing a free Ferry to be kept at* Port-Royal, was read a third Time,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, *To prevent malicious Maiming and Wounding*, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, and Mr *Hedgman*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Bill *For reviving and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Bill, *For enlarging the Fees for granting Licenſes to Pedlars*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Bill *For regulating the Size and Dimenſions of Staves, and Shingles, intended for Exportation*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Lomax*, Mr *Tucker*, Mr *Bouſh*, Mr *Walke*, and Mr *Eyre*.

Mr *Byrd* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *For dividing the County of* Lunenburg, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *To prevent malicious Maiming and Wounding*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill *To amend an Act, intituled, An Act for aſcertaining the Damages upon proteſted Bills of Exchange, and for the better Recovery of Debts, due on Promiſſory Notes, and for the Aſſignment of Bonds, Obligations, and Notes*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr Attorney, Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Pendleton*.

A Bill, *For diſſolving the Veſtry of* Frederick *Pariſh, in* Frederick *County*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Gabriel Jones*, and Mr *Fairfax*.

A Bill, *For laying a further Duty upon Liquors imported from the Northern Colonies*; was read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, That it be Ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

A Bill *To enable the Veſtry of the upper Pariſh of* Nanſemond *County, to ſell certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled *An Act for clearing* Appamattox *and* Pamunkey *Rivers*, with the Amendments as agreed to by this Houſe.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms;*

And to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* John New, *and* Benjamin Harriſon, *Gent. for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* John New, *and* Benjamin Harriſon, *Gent. for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* and the ſame being read were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Robert Jones* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe do agree to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

A Bill, *To confirm the Title of Lands purchaſed of the* Nottoway Indians; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Bland*, and the Members for *Surry, Iſle of Wight*, and *Southampton*.

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A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for allowing a free Ferry to be kept at* Port-Royal; without any Amendment.

A Bill, *To amend an Act, intituled, An Act for clearing Rivers and Creeks*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting a* Light-Houſe, *at Cape*-Henry, and the ſame were read and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Lomax*, do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and inform them, that this Houſe do agree to the Amendments, by them propoſed, to the ſaid Bill.

A Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Portſmouth, *in the County of* Norfolk, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Power*, Mr *Hutchings*, and the Members for *Norfolk*, and *Princeſs-Anne* Counties.

A Bill, *For paying the Praemium allowed to the Makers of Hemp, in the Counties where the ſame is made*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Bill, *For encouraging Perſons to ſettle on the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Bill, *For diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Nottoway, *in the County of* Amelia, *and electing a new Veſtry in the ſaid Pariſh*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Bill, *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and diſcontinuing certain others;* was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Holliday*.

Mr *Attorney*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, *To explain the Charter, and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and to appoint Truſtees*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, *For enlarging the Church, in the City of* Williamſburg, *and purchaſing an* 86
Organ to be placed therein; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Randolph*, and Mr *Attorney*.

A Bill, *To impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Truro, *in the County of* Fairfax, *to ſell their Glebe, and to pay Part of the Purchaſe Money to the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Cameron; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Bill, *To diſcharge ſuch Perſons as ſhall purchaſe certain Lots in the Town of* Alexandria, *from the Condition of building thereon, and to veſt certain Lands therein mentioned, in the Truſtees of the ſaid Town, for the Uſe of the Inhabitants thereof*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had examined, and conſidered, all the public Claims which had been laid be[fore] them this Seſſion; and had agreed upon a Report, which he had entered in a Book; and he delivered the Book in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned, till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Thurſday, April 2, 1752.

MR *Charles Carter* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *To prevent the giving or ſelling ſtrong Liquor, on any Election Day, before the Election ſhall be over*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and diſagreed to by the Houſe.

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The Queſtion being put, That the Bill be Ingroſſed,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

Mr *Benjamin Waller* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *To oblige Proſecutors of Offences not Capital, to pay the Coſts of the Proſecution, where the Defendants ſhall be acquitted*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr Attorney reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *To amend an Act, for aſcertaining the Damages upon proteſted Bills of Exchange, and for the better Recovery of Debts, due on Promiſſory Notes, and for the Aſſignment of Bonds, Obligations, and Notes*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and recommitted to Mr Attorney, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Landon Carter*.

A Petition of *William Clinch* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That *Philip Edloe*, late of the County of *Charles-City*, being ſeiſed of a Tract of Land, ſituate in *Charles-City* County, containing by Eſtimation 250 Acres, did, by his laſt Will and Teſtament, deviſe the ſame to his Daughter *Rebecca*, in Tail; That the Petitioner intermarried with the ſaid *Rebecca*, by whom he had Iſſue, a Son and Daughter, ſoon after which the ſaid *Rebecca* died, by which your Petitioner is become Tenant, by
87 the Curteſy of *England*, of the ſaid Land; That it would be greatly to the Advantage of the Petitioner; and the Heir in Tail, if the ſaid Land could be ſold, and the Money ariſing therefrom laid out in the Purchaſe of Uplands and Slaves, to be ſettled to the ſame Uſes, in Lieu thereof, and praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Claiborne* do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

And then the Houſe adjourned, till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Friday, April 3, 1752.

MR *Claiborne*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, *To dock the Intail of 250 Acres of Land, in the Pariſh of* Weſtover, *in the County of* Charles-City, *whereof* Rebecca, *Wife of* William Clinch, *lately died, ſeiſed in Fee-Tail, and for veſting the ſame, in certain Truſtees, in Fee-Simple and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Gabriel Jones* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Frederick, *in* Frederick *County*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and he read the ſame in his Place and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for reviving and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for deſtroying Crows and Squirrels*; was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Whiting* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, *To amend the Act, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town near* Roy's *Warehouſe, in the County of* Caroline, *and for other Purpoſes*; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Motion being made,

That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, *To prevent Hogs going at large in the Town of* Port-Royal; and the Queſtion being put thereupon,

Reſolved in the Negative.

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Mr *Carter Burwell* moved, for Leave to prefent a Bill, *For preferving the Breed of Sheep*; and the fame was received, and read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond Time.

A Petition of *Robert Todd*, and Meffrs. *Buchanan* and *Hill*, was prefented to the Houfe and read, fetting forth, That they had a large Quantity of Tobacco damaged in the *Great-Bridge* and *Norfolk* Warehoufes, in *Norfolk* County, an Account of which was annexed to their Petition, and praying the Relief of the Houfe.

Ordered, That the Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the fame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houfe.

An Ingroffed Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for clearing* 88
Rivers and Creeks; was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Moore* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroffed Bill, intituled, *An Act to difcharge fuch Perfons as fhall purchafe certain Lots in the Town of* Alexandria, *from the Condition of building thereon, and to veft certain Lands therein mentioned, in the Truftees of the faid Town, for the Ufe of the Inhabitants thereof*; was read a third Time.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Pendleton*, according to Order, prefented to the Houfe a Bill, *To amend the Act, intituled, An Act for eftablifhing a Town near* Roy's *Warehoufe, in the County of* Caroline, *and for other Purpofes therein mentioned*; and the fame was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond Time.

An Ingroffed Bill, intituled, *An Act for encouraging Perfons to fettle on the Waters of the* Miffifippi; was read a third Time.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Walker* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Charles Carter*, according to Order, prefented to the Houfe, a Bill, *To amend an Act, intituled, An Act for erecting a Town at* Bray's-*Church, in the County of* King-George; and the fame was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond Time.

The Houfe proceeded to take into their Confideration the Amendments propofed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majefty's Cuftoms*; and the fame were read, and Part thereof, with fome Amendments, agreed to, by the Houfe.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meffage to the Council, and acquaint them, That the Houfe have difagreed to fome of the Amendments by them propofed to the faid Bill, and agreed to others with fome Amendments, and defire they will pafs the Bill, with the Amendments, as agreed to.

An Ingroffed Bill, intituled, *An Act for enlarging the Fees for granting Licenfes to Pedlars*; was read a third Time.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Gabriel Jones* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroffed Bill, intituled, *An Act for diffolving the Veftry of the Parifh of* Nottoway, *in the County of* Amelia, *and electing a new Veftry in the faid Parifh*; was read a third Time.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Wood Jones* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill, *For dividing the County of* Lunenburg, was read the fecond Time, and com- 89
mitted to Mr *Reade*, Mr *Byrd*, Mr *Robert Jones*, and Mr *Kennon*.

The Houfe proceeded to the Confideration of the Book of Claims, and Part thereof was read, and agreed to, with fome Amendments.

Ordered, That the further Confideration of the faid Book be put off till To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Houfe be called over, on *Monday* next.

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed, to examine the Inrolled Bills, of the following Perſons, *viz.* Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *William Waller*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Robert Jones*, Mr *Gabriel Jones*, Mr *Reade*, Mr *Claiborne*, Mr *Maddiſon*, and Mr *Pendleton*.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to veſt certain Lands therein mentioned, in* Henry Waſhington, *Gent. in Fee Simple.*

And to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to diſcharge ſuch Perſons as ſhall purchaſe certain Lots in the Town of* Alexandria, *from the Condition of building thereon, and to veſt certain Lands therein mentioned, in the Truſtees of the ſaid Town, for the Uſe of the Inhabitants thereof*, without any Amendment.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Saturday, April 4, 1752.

A PETITION of *Joſeph Nevill*, and *Abraham Farrow*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That they acknowledge themſelves to be guilty of a very great Offence, in obſtructing the Taking of the Poll, at the late Election of Burgeſſes, for the County of *Prince-William*, for which they are fallen under the Diſpleaſure of this Houſe, that they are truly ſorry for the ſame, and pray to be diſcharged out of Cuſtody.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Joſeph Nevill*, and *Abraham Farrow*, be brought to the Bar of the Houſe, that they receive a Reprimand from the Chair, and that then they be diſcharged out of the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Accordingly they were brought to the Bar of the Houſe, and Mr Speaker ſpake as follows:

Joſeph Nevill, and *Abraham Farrow*, The Houſe have reſolved, that you have been guilty of a great Miſdemeanor, and Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe, in obſtructing the *Prince-William* Election; but in Conſideration of your Confeſſion and Submiſſion, they have been ſo favourable to you, as to command me only to reprimand you; and I do reprimand you accordingly; and I am further to acquaint you, that it is their Pleaſure, that you be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying Fees.

Mr *Riddick* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and diſcontinuing certain others*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto; which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to, by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

Mr *Reade* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For continuing the Act, intituled, an Act for altering the Method of holding Courts, in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemale *and* Auguſta, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and diſagreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to the Members of *Brunſwick*, *Fairfax*, *Lunenburg*, *Frederick*, *Albemarle*, and *Auguſta*.

Mr *Robert Burwell*, according to Order, preſented a Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Smithfield, *in the County of* Iſle of Wight; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Lomax*, from the Committee of Trade, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *To amend an Act, intituled, An Act for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Memorial of the Inſpectors at *Eaſternmoſt*-River Warehouſe, in the County of *Glouceſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That by the high Tide in 1749, a large Quantity of Transfer Tobacco was damaged in the ſaid Warehouſes, an Account of which was annexed to the ſaid Memorial, and praying the Relief of the Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Bill, *For preſerving the Breed of Sheep*; was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be Ingroſſed.

Mr *Bland* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *To confirm the Title of Lands purchaſed of the* Nottoway Indians, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Bill, *To allow certain Perſons, in the County of* Albemarle, *to diſcharge their Levies, and Officers Fees, in Money, inſtead of Tobacco*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members for *Albemarle*, *Lunenburg*, *Frederick*, and *Auguſta* Counties.

A Bill, *For dividing the Pariſh of* St. *Mark, in the County of* Culpepper, *and for adding Part of that Pariſh of* [*to*] St. *Thomas, and Part of the ſaid Pariſh of* St. *Thomas, to the upper Pariſh, in the ſaid County of* Culpepper; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members for *Culpepper*, and *Orange* Counties.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for enlarging the Fees for granting Licences to Pedlars*, without any Amendment.

That they have paſſed a Bill, intituled, *An Act to veſt the Power of granting Licences to Ordinary-Keepers, within the City of* Williamſburg, *and two Miles thereof, in the Viſitors and Governors of the College of* William and Mary, *and to prevent unlawful playing of Interludes within the ſame.*

To which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And that they have agreed to ſome, and diſagreed to others, of the Amendments, 91
made by the Houſe to their Amendments, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*; and that they deſire the Houſe will paſs the Bill, with the Amendments, as agreed to, by them.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to the further Conſideration of the Book of Claims, and Part thereof was read, and agreed to, with ſeveral Amendments.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be adjourned 'til *Monday* next.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Nottoway *in the County of* Amelia, *and electing a new Veſtry in the ſaid Pariſh*; without any Amendment.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd, till *Monday* Morning Ten o'Clock.

Monday, April 6, 1752.

AN Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and diſcontinuing certain others*; was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer to lay his Accounts before the Houſe.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Premium allowed to the Makers of Hemp, in the Counties where the ſame is made*; was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Fry*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for preſerving the Breed of Sheep*; was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Carter Burwell* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Two Members returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Abjuration Oath, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, took their Place in the Houſe.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of* Frederick *Pariſh, in the County of* Frederick; was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Fairfax*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That they had had under their
92 Conſideration, divers Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Robert Todd;*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That he ought to be allowed for 14375 *lbs.* Crop Tobacco, damaged in *Norfolk* Warehouſe, in the County of *Norfolk*, in *October* 1749, and *December* 1750, at the Rate of 16 *ſ.* and 8 *d. per* Hundred.

On Conſideration of the Petition of Meſſrs. *Buchannan* and *Hill;*

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That they ought to be allowed for 6018 *lbs.* Crop Tobacco, damaged in the *Great-Bridge* Warehouſe, in *Norfolk* County, at the Rate of 16 *ſ. per* Hundred.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Robert Todd*;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That he ought to be allowed for 2164 *lbs.* Crop Tobacco, damaged at the *Great-Bridge* Warehouſe, in *Norfolk* County, at the Rate of 16 *ſ. per* Hundred.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſeveral Perſons mentioned, in the Schedule annexed to the Memorial of *Thomas*, and *James Hayes*, Inſpectors at *Eaſtermoſt*-River Warehouſe, in *Glouceſter* County, ought to be allowed for the Tobacco, in the ſaid Schedule contained, according to the reſpective Quantities, therein mentioned, at the Rate of 15 *ſ. per* Hundred, the ſame being damaged, and loſt, in the ſaid Warehouſe.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *John Clayton*, and *Charles Blacknall*, for Tobacco damaged in *Eaſtermoſt*-River Warehouſe aforeſaid, ought to be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, the Petitioners not appearing to make out the Allegations of their Petition, and to convince the Committee, That the Tobacco petitioned for by them, is not contained in the Memorials of the Inſpectors at the ſaid Warehouſe, reported from this Committee, as above.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *Robert Blaws*, for Tobacco damaged at the *Great-Bridge* Warehouſe, in *Norfolk* County, ought to be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, the Petitioner not appearing to make out the Allegations of his Petition.

The four firſt Reſolutions were read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved, in the Affirmative.

The fifth Reſolution was read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe agree thereto.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *John Clayton*, and *Charles Blacknall*, for Tobacco damaged in *Eaſtermoſt* River Warehouſe, be rejected, it appearing that the Tobacco petitioned for by them, is contained in the Memorial of the Inſpectors at the ſaid Warehouſe, reported by the ſaid Committee, as above.

Then the other Reſolution was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to whom it is re-
93 ferred, to prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to ſeveral Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee,

tee, reported on *Saturday* the 14th Day of *March* laſt, That they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the four firſt Reſolutions.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Veſtry of the upper Pariſh of* Nanſemond *County, to ſell certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr Attorney reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *To amend an Act, for aſcertaining the Damage upon proteſted Bills of Exchange, and for the better Recovery of Debts, due on Promiſſory Notes, and for the Aſſignment of Bonds, Obligations, and Notes*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

A Bill, *To explain the Charter, and enlarge the Privileges, of the Borough of* Norfolk, was read the ſecond Time, and an Amendment made thereto, at the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for preſerving the Breed of Sheep*.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Premium allowed to the Makers of Hemp, in the Counties where the ſame is made*; without any Amendments.

And that they have made ſome Amendments to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and diſcontinuing certain others*; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *For eſtabliſhing a Town more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony, than the City of* Williamſburg, *and for erecting the Public Buildings therein*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill be read a ſecond Time; the Houſe divided; Noes go forth.

Yeas 57
Noes 31

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* alſo reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For enlarging the Church, in the City of* Williamſburg, *and purchaſing an Organ to be placed therein*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for encouraging Perſons to ſettle on the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi.

And alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act*, intituled, *An Act for clearing* 94
Rivers and Creeks; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Bill, *For eſtabliſhing a Town more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony, than the City of* Williamſburg, *and for erecting the Public Buildings therein*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf, into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

Mr *Martin*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, *For docking the Intail of certain Lands, in the County of* King-William, *and veſting the ſame in* William Dandridge, *in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands, and Slaves, of greater value, to the ſame Uſes*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

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The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourn'd Conſideration of the Book of Claims, another Part thereof was read, and with ſome Amendments agreed to.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Book, be adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned, till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Tueſday, April 7, 1752.

THE Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourn'd Conſideration of the Book of Claims, and the remaining Part thereof was read, and ſeveral Amendments made thereto, and the Allowances of the ſeveral Officers being added, it was agreed to, by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Fry*, do carry the Book of Claims to the Council for their Concurrence, and that he do wait on the Governor and deſire his Aſſent thereto.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of* Frederick *Pariſh, in* Frederick *County*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Veſtry of the upper Pariſh, in* Nanſemond *County, to ſell certain Lands; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; without any Amendments.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, *To veſt the Right of two Acres of Land, whereof* Elizabeth Exum *is ſeiſed in Fee-Simple, in the Juſtices of the County of* Southampton, *to the Uſe of the ſaid County*; and it is referred to Mr *Robert Jones*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Conway*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That they had had under their Conſideration, the Writ for electing Burgeſſes, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Hanover*, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the Return of the ſaid Writ, for electing Burgeſſes, for the County of *Hanover*, is made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon the Bill, *For eſtabliſhing a Town, more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony, than the City of* Williamſburg, *and for erecting the Public Buildings therein*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Carter*, from the Committee, reported, that the Committee had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, but not having Time to go through the ſame, the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be adjourn'd till To-morrow.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Mr *Conway*, and Mr *Chinn*, be appointed a Committee, to inſpect the Rolls, and other Records, of the Office of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, to find if there ever was any Act, or Order of Aſſembly, *For eſtabliſhing the Pariſh of* White-Chappel, *in the County of* Lancaſter, and that they make Report thereof to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Wedneſday,

Wedneſday, April 8, 1752.

MR. *Conway* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, inſpected the Acts and Orders of Aſſembly concerning the Pariſh of *White-Chapel*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, and that it appeared to the ſaid Committee, that by Order of Aſſembly, bearing Date the 23d of *October*, 1666, all *Lancaſter* County was included in one entire Pariſh, and called *Chriſt-Church* Pariſh; but it did not appear to the ſaid Committee that there ever was any Act, Order of Aſſembly, Order of Government, or ſo much as an Order of any Court, to conſtitute or give Bounds for any ſuch Pariſh as *White-Chapel*, in *Lancaſter* County, either by the Name of *White-Chapel*, or any other Name whatſoever; and that they were of Opinion, that *Chriſt-Church* Pariſh, in *Lancaſter* in[1] County, was never legally divided.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For making Reparation for the Tobacco lately damaged and loſt in* Gray's *Creek*, Guilford, *the College Landing*, Hampton, Norfolk, *the* Great-Bridge, Eaſtermoſt-*River*, *and* Warwickſqueak-Bay *Warehouſes*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*, the Governor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council Chamber.

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up accordingly, and being returned, Mr Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, 96
and that his Honour was pleaſed to acquaint the Houſe, that he had juſt received his Majeſty's Order in Council, repealing Ten Acts paſſed in the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, and confirming Fifty Seven others; and as ſome of the Acts, thereby repealed, may by this Houſe be judged very beneficial and of great Utility to this Colony, He thought it proper to lay the ſaid Order, togther with a Letter, he had received from Mr *Sharpe*, the Clerk of the Council, before this Houſe, that they may conſider what Meaſures may be neceſſary to be taken therein.

Reſolved, That the Thanks of this Houſe be returned to his Honour the Governor, for communicating to this Houſe his Majeſty's Order in Council, and the Letter from Mr *Sharpe*; and that Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Wormeley*, do wait on his Honour for that Purpoſe.

Then the Houſe proceeded to take his Majeſty's Order in Council, and the Letter from Mr *Sharpe*, into Conſideration, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That an immediate Conference be deſired with the Council, upon the Subject Matter thereof.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Benjamin Waller*, Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Bland*, be appointed to manage the ſame.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council, to acquaint them, that this Houſe do deſire an immediate Conference with them, on the Subject Matter of the ſaid Order and Letter, and that they have appointed Six of their Members, to meet ſuch Members as ſhall be appointed by the Council; and that Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with the ſaid Meſſage.

Mr *Robert Jones*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, *To veſt the Right of Two Acres of Land, whereof* Elizabeth Exum, *is ſeiſed in Fee-Simple, in the Juſtices of the County of* Southampton, *to the Uſe of the ſaid County*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That the Council do agree to the Conference deſired by this Houſe, upon the Subject Matter of the Papers delivered to this Houſe by the Governor, and had appointed Three of their Members Managers, to meet the Members appointed by this Houſe, immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered,

1. So printed in the original.

Ordered, That the Managers for this Houſe do, at the ſaid Conference, propoſe to the Managers for the Council, that a Committee may be appointed, conſiſting of ſome of the Members of the Council and of this Houſe, to conſider what may be proper and neceſſary to be done in Relation to the ſaid Papers; and the Managers withdrew accordingly.

A Bill, *For docking the Intail of certain Lands, in the County of* King-William, *and veſting the ſame in* William Dandridge, *in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to M^r *Martin*, M^r *Moore*, M^r *Adams*, M^r *Power*, and M^r *Johnſon*.

M^r *Carter* reported, from the Conference, That the Managers appointed by this Houſe, had met the Managers appointed by the Council, in the Conference Chamber,
97 and had propoſed to them the appointing a Committee, to conſiſt of ſome of the Members of the Council and this Houſe, to conſider what may be proper and neceſſary to be done in Relation to the Papers laid before this Houſe by the Governor; to which the Managers for the Council replied, that they would acquaint the Council with the Propoſal, and return an Anſwer by a Meſſenger of their own.

A Meſſage from the Council by M^r *Walthoe*.

That the Council do deſire an immediate Conference upon the Subject Matter of the laſt Conference.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree to the ſaid Conference, and that M^r *Carter* do acquaint the Council therewith.

Ordered, That the Perſons appointed Managers in the former Conference, be appointed Managers in this; and they withdrew accordingly.

M^r *Carter*, from the ſaid Conference, reported, That they had met the Managers appointed by the Council, who acquainted them, that the Council do agree to the Propoſal, made by this Houſe, of a Joint-Committee, and had appointed the Honourable *John Blair*, *William Nelſon*, and *Thomas Nelſon*, Eſquires, to be of the Committee, with ſuch Members as ſhall be appointed by this Houſe, with Power to adjourn from Time to Time, 'til the Buſineſs is completed.

Ordered, That M^r *Charles Carter*, M^r Attorney, M^r *Whiting*, M^r *Benjamin Waller*, M^r *Landon Carter*, and M^r *Bland*, be appointed a Committee, in Conjunction with the Members appointed by the Council, with Power to adjourn from Time to Time, 'til the Buſineſs is compleated; and that M^r *Charles Carter* do acquaint the Council therewith.

A Bill, *To amend the Act*, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town near* Roy's *Warehouſe, in the County of* Caroline, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to M^r *Pendleton*, M^r *Lomax*, M^r *Turner*, M^r Attorney, M^r *Power*, M^r *Benjamin Waller*, M^r *Dewey*, M^r *Martin*, M^r *Robert Jones*, M^r *Bland*, M^r *Landon Carter*, and M^r *William Waller*.

M^r *Reade* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For continuing the Act*, intituled, *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts, in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Amendments do lie on the Table.

M^r *Power* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Portſmouth, *in the County of* Norfolk, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers, for the Term therein mentioned*; was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Upon a Motion made.

An Ingroſſed Clauſe was added to the Bill as a Rider, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Lomax*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

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The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For* 98
eſtabliſhing a Town, more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony than the City of Williamſburg, *and for erecting the Public Buildings therein*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee, reported, that they had gone through the ſaid Bill, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to, by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off till To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr *Fry* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Thurſday, April 9, 1752.

THE Treaſurer, according to Order, laid his Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie on the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Perſons appointed had according to Order, waited on his Honour the Governor, and returned him the Thanks of this Houſe for communicating to the Houſe his Majeſty's Order in Council, relating to ſeveral of the Acts of the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, to which his Honour was pleaſed to anſwer, That it was a great Satiſfaction to him, that the Houſe of Burgeſſes approved of his Conduct, and that he ſhould always endeavour to promote the true Intereſt of this Colony.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed by the Houſe, in Conjunction with the Committee appointed by the Council, to conſider what Meaſures were neceſſary to be taken, on the Papers laid before this Houſe Yeſterday, by his Honour the Governor, had accordingly met the Committee appointed by the Council, and had had the ſaid Papers under their Conſideration, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to, by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That the Proceedings, and Proceſs, of the General Court, ſince the Making of an Act, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein*, which hath been repealed by Proclamation, ought to be declared good and valid.

Reſolved, That a Repreſentation be made to his Majeſty, ſetting forth the unhappy Circumſtances of this Colony, occaſioned by the Proclamation for repealing the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned, and humbly to lay before him the Inconveniences and Hardſhips We may ſuffer by Reaſon of his Majeſty's giving his Royal Aſſent to ſuch Acts, as in their Nature may require frequent Alterations and Amendments.

Reſolved, That an Addreſs be preſented to the Governor, to deſire his Countenance, and Aſſiſtance, in procuring a Redreſs of the Grievances this Colony labours under, by the Repeal of the ſaid Acts of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the firſt Reſolution, and it is referred 99
to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Benjamin Waller*, Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Bland*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and inform them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Reſolution of the Committee appointed by the Council, and this Houſe, for drawing up a Repreſentation to his Majeſty, and that they have appointed Six of their Members, to meet ſuch of the Members of the Council as they ſhall think fit to appoint, to join in drawing up the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Benjamin Waller*, Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Bland*, do prepare an Addreſs to his Honour the Governor, purſuant to the third Reſolution.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Book of Claims, without any Amendment.

Mr *Fry* reported, That he had, according to Order, waited on his Honour the Governor, with the Book of Claims, and that he was pleaſed to give his Aſſent thereto.

A Petition of *Henry Payton*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That he had ſurrendered himſelf, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, purſuant to an Order of this Houſe, that he is truly ſenſible of his Offence, and is ſorry for the ſame, and is ready to ſubmit to what this Houſe will pleaſe to Order.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Henry Payton*, be brought to the Bar of the Houſe, that he receive a Reprimand, from the Chair, and that then he be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying Fees.

He was accordingly brought to the Bar, and Mr *Speaker* ſpoke as follows.

Henry Payton, this Houſe have reſolved, that you have been guilty of a great Miſdemeanor, and Breach of the Privilege of this Houſe, in obſtructing the *Prince-William* Election: But, in Conſideration of your Confeſſion and Submiſſion, they have been ſo favourable to you, as to command me only to reprimand you, and I do reprimand you accordingly, and I am further to acquaint you, that it is their Pleaſure that you be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying Fees.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Perſons appointed had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *Declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the General Court*, between the Commencement and Repealing of the Act, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein, to be good and valid*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town more convenient to the Inhabitants of this Colony, than the City of* Williamſburg, *and for erecting the Public Buildings therein*; was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill do paſs, the Houſe divided;

Noes go forth.

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Yeas 44

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That the Council have agreed to the Reſolution of the joint Committee, That a Repreſentation be made to his Majeſty. And have appointed their Members who were of the Committee, to join with the Members appointed by this Houſe, in drawing the ſame.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers, for the Term therein mentioned*, without any Amendment.

A Bill, *Declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the General Court*, between the Commencement and Repealing of the Act, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating the Proceedings therein, to be good and valid*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

And the ſaid Bill was immediately Ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That a Committee for proportioning the Public Levy be appointed of the following Perſons, Mr *William Waller*, Mr *Benjamin Waller*, Mr *Waring*, Mr *Walker*, Mr *Claiborne*, Mr *Reade*, Mr *Eyre*, and Mr *Weſtwood*.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Truro, *in the County of* Fairfax, *to ſell their Glebe, and to pay Part of the Purchaſe Money, to the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Cameron; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Weſt* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence,

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An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain the Charter, and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the General Court*, between the Commencement and Repealing of the Act, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein, to be good and valid*; without any Amendment.

The Houſe proceeded to take into their Conſideration, the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of* Frederick *Pariſh*, in Frederick *County;* and the ſame were read and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Fairfax*, do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that the Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

A Bill *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Wittonton, *and to prevent Wooden Chimnies being built therein*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Claiborne*, Mr *Bolling*, Mr *Eppes*, and Mr *Reade*. 101

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker, the Governor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council-Chamber.

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bill, *viz.*

An Act declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the General Court, between the Commencement and Repealing of the Act, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein, to be good and valid.

A. Bill, *To oblige Proſecutors of Offences not Capital, to pay the Coſts of the Proſecution, where the Defendants ſhall be acquitted*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A Bill *To dock the Intail of 250 Acres of Land, in the Pariſh of* Weſtover, *in the County of* Charles-City, *whereof* Rebecca, *Wife of* William Clinch, *lately died, ſeiſed in Fee-Tail, and for veſting the ſame, in certain truſtees, in Fee-Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to Mr *Claiborne*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Bolling*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, and Mr *Kennon*, That they do examine into the Truth of the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned, till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Friday, April 10, 1752.

MR *Pendleton* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *To amend the Act, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town near* Roy's *Warehouſe, in the County of* Caroline, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For regulating the Size and Dimenſions of Staves, Headings and Shingles, intended for Exportation*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick* have leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, on extraordinary Occaſions.

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Ordered, That Mr *Douglas* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Recovery of his Health.

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Council, intituled *An Act to veſt the Power of granting*
162 *Licenſes to Ordinary Keepers, within the City of* Williamſburg, and *two Miles thereof, in the Viſitors and Governors of the College of* William *and* Mary, *and to prevent the unlawful playing of Interludes within the ſame*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed Bill from the Council, intituled, *An Act to render the Laws more effectual for preventing the Stealing of Sheep*, was read the third Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe agree thereto.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Portſmouth, *in the County of* Norfolk, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Power* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Title of Lands purchaſed of the* Nottoway *Indians*; was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for encouraging Perſons to ſettle on the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi; and the ſame were read and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Carter Burwell* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The Houſe proceeded to take into their Conſideration the Amendments inſiſted on by the Council, and diſagreed to by the Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to continue and amend an Act*, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*; and the ſame were read.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do inſiſt on their Diſagreement to the Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and acquaint them therewith, and that this Houſe deſire they will paſs the Bill, with the Amendments as agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bolling* have Leave to be abſent, from the Service of the Houſe, till *Tueſday* next.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to oblige Proſecutors of Offences not Capital to pay the Coſts of their Proſecution, where the Defendants ſhall be acquitted;* was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Waller* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill, *To amend an Act*, intituled, *An Act for erecting a Town at* Bray's *Church, in the County of* King-George; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Bill, *For preventing the Importation of* Madeira *Wines in Caſks, under the true Gauge*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

163 A Bill, *For making Reparation for the Tobacco lately damaged, and loſt, in the ſeveral Public Warehouſes therein mentioned;* was read a ſecond Time, and an Amendment made to the Title thereof, at the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

Mr *Green* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For dividing the Pariſh of St.* Mark, *in the County of* Culpepper, *and for adding Part of that Pariſh to the Pariſh of St.* Thomas, *and Part of the ſaid Pariſh of St.* Thomas, *to the upper Pariſh in the ſaid County of* Culpepper, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his

his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Saturday, April 11, 1752.

THE Houſe being informed, That *Joſhua Hurt*, and *Charles Oaks*, of the County of *King-William*, had interrupted and aſſaulted the Servants belonging to ſome of the Members of this Houſe, in their way to *Williamſburg*, on their Maſters Buſineſs.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Joſhua Hurt*, and *Charles Oaks*, in ſo doing, are guilty of a Breach of the Privileges of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Joſhua Hurt*, and *Charles Oaks*, be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act*, intituled, *An Act for aſcertaining the Damage upon proteſted Bills of Exchange, and for the better Recovery of Debts, due on Promiſſory Notes, and for the Aſſignment of Bonds, Obligations, and Notes*, was read the third Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the Bill do paſs.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *To amend the Act concerning Executions, and for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*, and it is referred to Mr Attorney, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Landon Carter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend the Act*, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town near* Roy's *Warehouſe, in the County of* Caroline, *and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to oblige Proſecutors of Offences not Capital, to pay the Coſts of the Proſecution, where the Defendant ſhall be acquitted*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Alſo that they have receded from their Diſagreement to the Amendments propoſed by the Houſe, to their Amendments to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and* 104
amending the Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Truro, *in the County of* Fairfax, *to ſell their Glebe, and to pay Part of the Purchaſe Money to the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Cameron, without any Amendment.

Mr *Claiborne* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Wittonton, *and to prevent Wooden Chimnies being built therein*; was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of St.* Mark, *in the County of* Culpepper, *and for adding Part of that Pariſh to the Pariſh of St.* Thomas, *and Part of the ſaid Pariſh of St.* Thomas, *to the upper Pariſh in the ſaid County of* Culpepper; was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Spotſwood* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Robert Jones* have leave to be abſent, from the Service of this Houſe, till *Saturday* next.

Ordered,

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe on *Tueſday* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Reade* be added to the Committee to whom the Bill, *To dock the Intail of 250 Acres of Land, in the Pariſh of* Weſtover, *in the County of* Charles-City, *whereof* Rebecca *Wife of* William Clinch, *lately died ſeiſed in Fee-Tail, and for veſting the ſame in certain Truſtees, in Fee-Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was committed.

A Bill, *To impower the Juſtices of the County of* Stafford, *to levy for* Nathaniel Harriſon, *and* Hugh Adie, *Gent.* the *Value of their Work and Labour in Building a Court-Houſe, for that County, which was burned before it was finiſhed*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Bill, *To prevent malicious Maiming, and Wounding*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Benjamin Waller*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Charles Carter*, and Mr *Landon Carter*.

A Bill, *To veſt the Right of Two Acres of Land, whereof* Elizabeth Exum *is ſeiſed, in Fee-Simple, in the Juſtices of the County of* Southampton, *to the Uſe of the ſaid County*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Smithfield, *in the County of* Iſle of Wight, *was read a ſecond Time.*

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For clearing* James, Fluvanna, *and* Rivanna *Rivers*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer's Accounts be referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Johnſon*, and Mr *Dudley Digges*; that they examine the ſeveral Articles thereof, and report the Ballance, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Size, and Dimenſions of Staves, Headings, and Shingles, intended for Exportation*; was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Upon a Motion made,

An Ingroſſed Clauſe was added as a Rider to the Bill.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Lomax* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, *For dividing the County of* Lunenburg, *and Pariſh of* Cumberland; was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Reade* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd, till *Monday* Morning Ten o'Clock.

Monday, April 13, 1752.

Mr *Landon Carter* reported, That the Perſons appointed had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *To amend an Act*, intituled, *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Lomax*, and Mr *Green*, have Leave to be abſent, from the Service of the Houſe, on their neceſſary Occaſions.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money, for this preſent Seſſion.*

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act*, intituled, *An Act for erecting a Town at* Bray's *Church, in the County of* King-George; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to veſt the Right of Two Acres of Land, whereof* Elizabeth Exum *is ſeiſed, in Fee-Simple, in the Juſtices of the County of* Southampton, *to the Uſe of the ſaid County*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing the Importation of* Madeira *Wines in Caſks, under the true Gauge*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Norton* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, *To impower the Juſtices of the County of* Stafford, *to levy for* Nathaniel Harriſon, *and* Hugh Adie, *Gent. the Value of their Work, and Labour, in building a Court-Houſe, which was burned before it was finiſhed*; was read the third Time. 106

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Wittonton, *in the County of* Cheſterfield, *and preventing the Building of Wooden Chimnies therein*; was read a third Time, and an Amendment made to the Title, at the Table, and the Blanks in the Bill filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Reade* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Reade* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *To allow certain Perſons, in the County of* Albemarle, *to diſcharge their Levies, and Officers Fees in Money*; was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

An Ingroſſed Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Smithfield, *in the County of* Iſle of Wight; was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Robert Burwell* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill from the Council, intituled, *An Act to veſt the Power of granting Licenſes to Ordinary Keepers, within the City of* Williamsburg, *and two Miles thereof, in the Viſitors and Governors of the College of* William *and* Mary, *and to prevent the unlawful playing of Interludes within the ſame*; was read a ſecond Time.

A Motion was made, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe, and the Queſtion being put thereupon,

Reſolved in the Negative.

Then a Motion was made, That the Bill be read a third Time, and the Queſtion being put thereupon,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments, propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to oblige Proſecutors of Offences not Capital to pay the Coſts of the Proſecution, where the Defendant ſhall be acquitted*; and the ſame being read, were diſagreed to, all but one.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Waller* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to one of the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and diſagreed to the Others, and deſire they will paſs the Bill, with the Amendment agreed to.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Tueſday,

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Tuesday, April 14, 1752.

THE House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments made by the Committee of the whole House, to the Bill, *For enlarging the Church in the City of* Williamsburg, *and purchasing an Organ to be placed therein*; and the same being read, were disagreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingrossed.

A Petition of *Charles Oaks*, Junr. and *Joshua Hurt*, setting forth, That they are truly sorry for the Offence they have given the House, that they have surrendered themselves, in Custody of the Serjeant at Arms, and submit to such Order as this House shall please to make, and pray to be discharged out of Custody.

Ordered, That the said *Charles Oaks*, and *Joshua Hurt*, be brought to the Bar of the House, that they receive a Reprimand from the Chair, and then be discharged out of Custody, paying Fees.

They were accordingly brought to the Bar, and Mr Speaker spoke as follows.

Charles Oaks, and *Joshua Hurt*, The House have resolved, That you have been guilty of a great Misdemeanor, and Breach of the Privilege of this House, in stopping and abusing the Servants of some of the Members thereof, in their Way to *Williamsburg*, on their Masters Business: But, in Consideration of your Submission, they have been so favourable to you, as to command me only to reprimand you, and I do reprimand you accordingly, and I am further to acquaint you, that it is their Pleasure that you be discharged out of Custody, paying Fees.

Mr *Martin* reported, That the Persons to whom the Bill, *For docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* King-William, *and vesting the same in* William Dandridge, *in Fee-Simple, and for settling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the same Uses*; was committed, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and that they have made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to, by the House.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingrossed.

Ordered, That Mr *Martin* have Leave to be absent from the Service of the House till *Saturday* next.

A Bill, *To amend an Act*, intituled, *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors*; was read the second Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingrossed.

Ordered, That the Call of the House be put off till To-morrow.

An Ingrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act for making Reparation for the Tobacco, lately damaged, and lost, in the several Public Warehouse therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr *Conway* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

108 An Ingrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to allow certain Persons in the Counties of* Albemarle, Lunenburg, Halifax, *and* Fairfax, *to discharge their Levies, and Officers Fees, in Money, instead of Tobacco, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr *Reade* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Message from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain the Charter, and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*, with some Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of this House.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm the Title of Lands purchased of the* Nottoway *Indians, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

Also

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing the Importation of* Madeira *Wines, in Caſks, under the true Gauge.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the ſize, and Dimenſions, of Staves, Headings, and Shingles, intended for Exportation to* Madeira, *and the Weſt-Indies.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of St.* Mark, *in the County of* Culpepper, *and for adding Part of that Pariſh to the Pariſh of St.* Thomas, *and Part of the ſaid Pariſh of St.* Thomas, *to the upper Pariſh in the ſaid County of* Culpepper.

And alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to veſt the Right of two Acres of Land, whereof* Elizabeth Exum *is ſeiſed, in Fee-Simple, in the Juſtices of the County of* Southampton, *to the Uſe of the ſaid County*, without any Amendment.

And that they inſiſt on their Amendments, diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to oblige Proſecutors of Offences not Capital, to pay the Coſt of the Proſecution, where the Defendant ſhall be acquitted*; and deſire this Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement thereto.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration, the Amendment propoſed by the the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain the Charter, and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of* Norfolk, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; and the ſame was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Hutchings* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendment by them propoſed, to the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration, the Amendments inſiſted on by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to oblige Proſecutors of Offences not Capital, to pay the Coſts of the Proſecution, where the Defendant ſhall be acquitted*; and the ſame were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Waller* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe do recede from their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendments.

Mr *Bland*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money, for this preſent Seſſion*; and the ſame was read a firſt Time and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, *For appointing a Treaſurer, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read 109
a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Johnſon*, and Mr *Dudley Digges*.

A Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money, for this preſent Seſſion*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

Mr *Claiborne* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *To dock the Intail of 250 Acres of Land, in the Pariſh of* Weſtover, *in the County of* Charles-City, *whereof* Rebecca, *Wife of* William Clinch, *lately died ſeiſed in Fee-Tail, and for veſting the ſame in Truſtees, in Fee-Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;* was committed, had according to Order, examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and that they had made an Amendment thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Wedneſday, April 15, 1752.

THE Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act*, intituled, *An Act for clearing Rivers and Creeks*; and the ſame being read, were diſagreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Moore* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and deſire they will paſs the ſame, without the ſaid Amendments.

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Mr *Carter Burwell* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *To prevent malicious Maiming and Wounding*; was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Perſons appointed had according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Governor; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

To the Honourable ROBERT DINWIDDIE, *Eſq; his Majeſty's Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of* Virginia.

The humble ADDRESS of the BURGESSES.

SIR,

WE his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, now met in General Aſſembly, beg Leave, upon the Confidence that we place, in the repeated Aſſurances that your Honour has been pleaſed to give, of your kind Aſſiſtance in any Matter that ſhall be conducive to the Good and Welfare of this Dominion, to recommend to your Care and Direction, the Repreſentation made by this Houſe, in Conjunction with the Council, to his Majeſty; in which the unhappy Circumſtances of this Colony, under the late Proclamation, for the Repeal of ſundry uſeful and ſalutary Acts of Aſſembly; as alſo the Inconveniencies that may ariſe from the giving his Aſſent to ſuch Laws, that in their Nature, muſt require frequent Alterations and Amendments, are moſt humbly and dutifully ſet forth: And we doubt not but by your Honour's Countenance, and Application, his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to extend his Royal Indulgence, ſo far as to direct a Redreſs ſuitable to the Inconveniencies complained of.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and preſented to his Honour, by the whole Houſe, and that the Perſons who prepared the ſame, do wait on him to know his Pleaſure, when the Houſe ſhall attend him with the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, *For dividing the County of* Lunenburg, *and Pariſh of* Cumberland.

And alſo to the Bill, *To impower the Juſtices of the County of* Stafford, *to levy for* Nathaniel Harriſon, *and* Hugh Adie, *Gent. the Value of their Work and Labour in Building a Court-Houſe, for that County, which was burned before it was finiſhed*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And that they adhere to their Amendments, diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act*, intituled, *An Act for clearing Rivers and Creeks*; and deſire this Houſe will recede from their ſaid Diſagreement.

An Ingroſſed Bill, *For enlarging the Church in the City of* Williamſburg, *and placing an Organ therein*; was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For appointing a Treaſurer, and other Purpoſes*; was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

Mr *Power*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, *For docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* James-City, *and veſting the ſame in* Thomas Chamberlayne, *Gent. in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That no Private Bill be carried to the Governor, for his Aſſent, until the Perſon, or Perſons, who have petitioned for the ſame, do pay the ſeveral Officers of this General Aſſembly, their uſual Fees accruing thereon.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the County Courts of* Lunenburg, Brunſwick, Fairfax, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *between the Commencement and Expiration, or Suſpenſion of the Act*, intituled, *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *to be good and valid*, and it is referred to M^r *Reade* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* King-William, *and veſting the ſame in* William Dandridge, *in Fee-Simple, and for ſetling other Lands, and Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*; was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Moore* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

M^r *Reade*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, *For declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the County Courts of* Lunenburg, Brunſwick, Fairfax, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *between the Commencement and Expiration, or Suſpenſion of the Act*, intituled, *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts, in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *to be good and valid*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of* 250 *Acres of Land, in the Pariſh of* Weſtover, *in the County of* Charles-City, *whereof* Rebecca *Wife of* William Clinch, *lately died ſeiſed in Fee-Tail, and for veſting the ſame in certain Truſtees, in Fee-Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Claiborne* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money, for this preſent Seſſion*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill, *For docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* James-City, *and veſting the ſame in* Thomas Chamberlayne, *Gent. in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to the Members for *James-City, King-William, and New-Kent*, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Bill, *For declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the County Courts of* Lunenburg, Brunſwick, Fairfax, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *between the Commencement and Expiration or Suſpenſion of the Act*, intituled,

An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of Brunſwick, Fair- 112
fax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *to be good and valid*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Thurſday, April 16, 1752.

MR. *Charles Carter* reported, That the Perſons appointed had, according to Order, waited on his Honour the Governor to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to appoint this Day, and to ſay, he would ſend a Meſſage to the Houſe when he was ready.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, that his Honour is now ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council-Chamber.

Mr *Speaker*, with the Houſe, went up accordingly, and being returned, Mr *Speaker* reported, that the Houſe had attended the Governor, in the Council Chamber, and preſented their Addreſs, to which he was pleaſed to make the following Anſwer.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I THANK you for your Addreſs, and now deſire to confirm, and aſſure you of the Truth of my former Declarations, in being ſincerely ready to do every Thing in my Power for the Good and Happineſs of this Dominion.

I do with great Chearfulneſs, promiſe to uſe my Endeavours to have the Repreſentation you intend to make, jointly with the Council, preſented and introduced to his ſacred Majeſty in a proper Manner. And will add all my Intereſt, and do every Thing in my Power, in repreſenting the Facts in ſo ſtrong a Manner, as to obtain ſuch Relief, as your humble Addreſs prays and requires.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That the Council deſire an immediate Conference with this Houſe, upon the Subject Matter of the Addreſs, and Repreſentation, and that they have appointed Three of their Members Conferrees to meet ſuch as ſhall be appointed by this Houſe in the Conference Chamber.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do agree to the ſaid Conference.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Benjamin Waller*, Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Bland*, be appointed Managers for this Houſe, that they do immediately meet thoſe appointed by the Council in the Conference-Room; and they withdrew accordingly.

Ordered, That Mr *Randolph*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Recovery of his Health.

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A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for making Reparation for the Tobacco damaged in ſeveral Public Warehouſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, for eſtabliſhing a Town near* Roy's *Warehouſe, in the County of* Caroline, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act*, intituled, *An Act for erecting a Town at* Bray's *Church, in the County of* King-George.

And alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Portſmouth, *and preventing the Building of Wooden Chimnies therein*; without any Amendment.

A written Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

The Council have reſolved, that an humble Addreſs be preſented to his ſacred Majeſty, expreſſing our ſincere Concern for the great Loſs that his Majeſty and his Dominion have ſuſtained, in the Death of his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, *to condole with him likewiſe on the Death of his Royal Highneſs, the Prince of* Orange, *and her Majeſty the Queen of* Denmark, *and to aſſure him, That as we always rejoice with him on every Occaſion of Joy, ſo we are equally affected by every afflicting Circumſtance of his Reign, and deſire that this Houſe will join with them in the ſaid Addreſs.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe do agree to join in the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Richard Bland*, Mr *Beverley Whiting*, Mr *Benjamin Waller*, and Mr Attorney General, be appointed by this Houſe to meet, and in Conjunction

junction with ſuch of the Members of the Council, as they ſhall appoint for that Purpoſe, to prepare the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and inform them thereof.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs, and Repreſentation, to the King, on the Subject Matter of the Papers delivered by the Governor, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to, by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs, and Repreſentation, be fairly tranſcribed, and that Mr *Charles Carter* do carry them to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the ſame, and have ſent them to the Council to be ſigned, and deſire they will afterwards ſend them down to be ſigned by the Speaker.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have appointed Three of their Members to meet, and in Conjunction with thoſe appointed by this Houſe, to prepare an Addreſs to his Majeſty, on the Subject Matter of their written Meſſage.

That they have agreed to the Bill, *To allow certain Perſons in the County of* Albemarle, *to diſcharge their Levies, and Officers Fees, in Money, inſtead of Tobacco*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money, for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*.

And alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for enlarging the Church in the City of* Williamſburg, *and placing an Organ therein*, without any Amendment. 114

Mr *William Waller* reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, ſettled the Proportion of the County Levy, and ſtated the ſame in a Book, which he delivered in at the Table, where it was read, and agreed to, by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *William Waller* do carry the Book to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Wormeley* have Leave to be abſent, from the Service of the Houſe, 'til *Monday* next.

Mr *Moore* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* James-City, *and veſting the ſame in* Thomas Chamberlayne, *Gent. in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was committed, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and that they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to, by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Treaſurer*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Whiting* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration, the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to allow certain Perſons in the County of* Albemarle, *to diſcharge their Levies and Officers-Fees, in Money, inſtead of Tobacco*; and the ſame being read were diſagreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Maddiſon* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them therewith, and that this Houſe deſire they will paſs the Bill without the ſaid Amendments.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent malicious Maiming and Wounding*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Carter Burwell* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Account of the Truſtees appointed by the Act, intituled, *An Act to enable the* Nottoway Indians *to ſell certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*,

tioned, which was laid before this Houſe on *Monday* the tenth Day of *March* laſt, be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the Account of the ſurviving Truſtees, appointed by Act of Aſſembly, *For ſettling certain Lands belonging to the* Pamunkey Indians; laid before the Houſe on *Tueſday March* 31ſt laſt, be referred to the Committee appointed for examining the Treaſurer's Accounts, that they examine the ſeveral Articles thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off till To-morrow.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending the Act*, intituled, *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors*; was read the third Time.

115 *Reſolved*, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the County Courts of* Lunenburg, Brunſwick, Fairfax, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *between the Commencement and Expiration, or Suſpenſion of the Act*, intituled, *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts, in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *to be good and valid*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Read* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned, till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Friday, April 17, 1752.

A REPRESENTATION of Mr *George Webb*, Clerk of the Treaſury, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That being unhappily fallen under the Diſpleaſure of this Houſe, by preſuming to charge in the Treaſurer's Accounts, without Leave of the Houſe, an Addition to his Salary for keeping and ſtating the ſame, which he freely acknowledges to be an Error; he humbly aſks Pardon for the ſame, and prays an indulgent Conſtruction of his Offence by this Houſe.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Treaſurer to allow the ſaid *George Webb* an additional Salary of 25 *l. per Annum* in Conſideration of the late Increaſe of the Buſineſs of his Office.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts, had, according to Order, had the ſame under their Conſideration, and examined the ſeveral Articles and Vouchers thereof, whereupon it appeared, that the ſaid Accounts were duly ſtated, and that the Ballance of the Public Monies now in the Hands of the Treaſurer, amounts to the Sum of Six Thouſand One Hundred and Seventy Six Pounds, Ten Shillings and Six Pence Current Money.

And that they had likewiſe, according to Order, examined the Account of the *Pamunkey* Indians to them referred, and found the ſame truly ſtated, and the ſeveral Payments therein charged to have been duly paid, and he delivered the ſaid Accounts in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the King's Attorney do immediately proſecute the ſeveral Sheriffs, who are indebted to the Public for any Part of the Depoſitum levied in 1746, and in the laſt public Levy, excepting the Sheriff of the County of *Prince-George*.

Ordered, That Mr *Walke* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of the Houſe, on extraordinary Buſineſs.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill *For dividing the County of* Lunenburg *and Pariſh of* Cumberland, and the ſame being read were agreed to.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Reade* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them 116
that this Houſe do agree to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration, the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing ſeveral Ferries, and diſcontinuing certain others*, and the ſame were read, and diſagreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and deſire that they will paſs the Bill without the Amendments.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Juſtices of the County of* Stafford, *to levy for* Nathaniel Harriſon, *and* Hugh Adie, *Gent. the Value of their Work and Labour in building a Court-houſe, which was burned before it was finiſhed*, and the ſame being read were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments adhered to by the Council, and diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for clearing Rivers and Creeks*; and the ſame being read, were diſagreed to.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do adhere to their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendments.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* James-City, *and veſting the ſame in* Thomas Chamberlayne, *Gent. in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Power* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Book of Proportions;

Alſo to the Treaſurer's Accounts.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* King-William, *and veſting the ſame in* William Dandridge, *in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

And alſo the *Act to dock the Intail of 250 Acres of Land, in the Pariſh of* Weſtover, *in the County of* Charles-City, *whereof* Rebecca, *Wife of* William Clinch, *lately died ſeiſed in Fee-Tail, and for veſting the ſame in certain Truſtees, in Fee-Simple, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, without any Amendment.

That they inſiſt on their Amendments diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to allow certain Perſons in the County of* Albemarle, *to diſcharge their Levies and Officers Fees in Money, inſtead of Tobacco.*

And that they adhere to their Amendments diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, 117
For appointing ſeveral new Ferries and diſcontinuing certain others, and deſire this Houſe will paſs the ſaid Bills, with the ſaid Amendments.

That they have agreed to the Bill intituled, *An Act for declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the County Courts of* Lunenburg, Brunſwick, Fairfax, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *between the Commencement and Expiration, or Suſpenſion of the Act* intituled, *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *to be good and valid.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Bedford, *in the County of* Cheſterfield.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Smithfield, *in the County of* Iſle of Wight, *and to prevent Wooden Chimnies being built therein*, with ſome Amendments to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Smithfield,

field, *in the County of* Iſle of Wight, *and to prevent Wooden Chimnies being built therein*; and the ſame were read and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Robert Burwell* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe alſo proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Bedford, *in the County of* Cheſterfield; and the ſame were read and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Reade* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed, to the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe alſo proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the County Courts of* Lunenburg, Brunſwick, Fairfax, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *between the Commencement and Expiration, or Suſpenſion of the Act*, intituled, *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *to be good and valid*; and the ſame were read and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Reade* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the ſaid Amendments.

The Houſe alſo proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments adhered to by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and diſcontinuing certain others*, and the ſame being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe do adhere to their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendments.

The Houſe alſo proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments inſiſted on by the Council, and diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to allow certain Perſons, in the County of* Albemarle, *to diſcharge their Levies and Officers Fees in Money, inſtead of Tobacco*; and the ſame were read and again diſagreed to.

118 *Reſolved*, That this Houſe do inſiſt on their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr *Gabriel Jones* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and acquaint them therewith, and that this Houſe deſire they will paſs the Bill without the Amendments.

Mr *William Waller* preſented to the Houſe a Bill, *For laying the Public Levy, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time immediately.

And the ſaid Bill was immediately read a ſecond Time accordingly.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Saturday, April 18, 1752.

MR *Francis Eppes*, Junr. being appointed, by his Honour the Governor, Serjeant at Arms to this Houſe, in the Room of Mr *Thomas Hall*, having taken the uſual Oaths to his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, took and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, and taken the Oath of Office, was admitted to the ſaid Place.

A Petition of *Anne Harriſon*, ſetting forth, That her late Huſband was an enliſted Soldier on the Expedition againſt *Carthagena*, in which Service he received a Wound that killed him, leaving the Petitioner, his Widow, in very mean Circumſtances, and praying the Relief of the Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

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The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration, the Report upon the Treaſurer's Accounts, and the Accounts of the *Pamunkey Indians*, and the ſame was read and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Accounts do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the Treaſurer's Accounts to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Public Levy, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Waller* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, Nem. Con. That the Sum of £. 500 be given to the Honourable *Robert Dinwiddie*, Eſq; and that he be deſired to accept the ſame, as a grateful Acknowledgment, for his Regard to the Intereſt and Welfare of this Colony.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *C[h]arles Carter* reported, That the joint Committee appointed by the Council and this Houſe, had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs, of Condolence, to the King, which was left with the Members, on the Part of the Council, to be by them carried to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Payne*, and Mr *John Smith*, have Leave to be abſent from the Ser- 119
vice of the Houſe, on extraordinary Occaſions.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Reſolve for giving £. 500 to the Honourable *Robert Dinwiddie*, Eſq.

That the Council have ſigned the Addreſs and Repreſentation, and ſent it down to be ſigned by the Speaker of this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Addreſs of Condolence.

Alſo to the Treaſurer's Accounts.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* James-City, *and veſting the ſame in* Thomas Chamberlayne, *Gent. in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Public Levy, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; without any Amendments.

And that they have made ſome Amendments to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent malicious Maiming and Wounding*; to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Motion being made that an Agent be appointed in *London*, to ſolicit the Addreſs, and Repreſentation of the Council and this Houſe, to his Majeſty, and the Queſtion being put thereupon, the Houſe divided, Yeas go forth.

Yeas 37
Noes 19

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor to deſire that he will be pleaſed to recommend to this Houſe, a Perſon proper for that Office, and that Mr *Charles Carter* and Mr Attorney, do wait on his Honour with the ſaid Addreſs.

And they withdrew accordingly, and being returned, Mr *Carter* reported, that they had according to Order, waited on the Governor, and that his Honour was pleaſed to recommend *James Abercrombie*, Eſq; as a proper Perſon for that Purpoſe.

Reſolved, That *James Abercrombie*, Eſq; be appointed Agent, for preſenting the Addreſs, and ſoliciting the Repreſentation to his Majeſty, agreed to by the Council, and this Houſe, and that the Sum of £. 100 *Sterling*, be remitted him by the Treaſurer of this Colony, for his Trouble in ſoliciting the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the Addreſs of Condolence to the Council, to be ſigned, and that they deſire they will ſend it back, to be ſigned by the Speaker.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments propoſed by the Council

Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent malicious Wounding and Maiming*; and the ſame being read, were agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, with an Amendment, to which they deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd, till *Monday* Morning Ten o'Clock.

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A MESSAGE from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That the Council have ſigned the Addreſs of Condolence, and ſent it back to be ſigned by the Speaker of this Houſe.

Alſo that they have agreed to the Reſolve for appointing *James Abercrombie*, Eſq; Agent for this Colony, to preſent and ſolicit the Addreſs and Repreſentation to his Majeſty, and paying him £. 100 *Sterling* for his Trouble therein, without any Amendment.

And that they have agreed to the Amendment propoſed by this Houſe to their Amendments to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent malicious Maiming and Wounding.*

Mr *Whiting* reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, examined the inrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly inrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Whiting* do carry the inrolled Bills to the Council for their Inſpection.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have inſpected the inrolled Bills, and are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council-Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Public and Private Bills.

1. *An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers, for the Term therein mentioned.*
2. ————*For continuing a Clauſe of an Act of Aſſembly therein mentioned.*
3. ————*For continuing and amending the Act*, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in His Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*
4. ————*For erecting a Light-Houſe at Cape* Henry.
5. ————*For enlarging the Church of the City of* Williamſburg, *and purchaſing an Organ to be placed therein.*
6. ————*For declaring the Proceſs and Proceedings of the County Courts of* Lunenburg, Brunſwick, Fairfax, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *between the Commencement, and Expiration, or Suſpenſion of the Act*, intituled, *An Act for altering the Method of holding Courts in the Counties of* Brunſwick, Fairfax, Lunenburg, Frederick, Albemarle, *and* Auguſta, *to be good and valid.*
7. ————*For regulating the Size and Dimenſions of Staves, Headings, and Shingles, intended for Exportation to* Madeira *and the* Weſt Indies.
8. ————*For preventing the Importation of* Madeira *Wines in Caſks, under the true Gauge.*
9. ————*For making Reparation for the Tobacco lately damaged and loſt, in the ſeveral Public Warehouſes therein mentioned.*

121 10. *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages, in Money, for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

11. ————*For further continuing an Act*, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and collecting certain Officers Fees, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

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12. ————*For dividing the County of* Lunenburg, *and the Parifh of* Cumberland.
13. ————*For dividing the County of* Prince-George.
14. ————*For dividing the Parifh of St.* Mark, *in the County of* Culpepper, *and for adding Part of that Parifh to the Parifh of St.* Thomas, *and Part of the faid Parifh of St.* Thomas *to the upper Parifh in the faid County of* Culpeper.
15. ————*For encouraging Perfons to fettle on the Waters of the* Miffifippi.
16. ————*For diffolving the Veftry of* Frederick *Parifh, in* Frederick *County.*
17. ————*To explain the Charter, and enlarge the Privileges of the Borough of* Norfolk; *and for other Purpofes therein mentioned.*
18. ————*For eftablifhing the Town of* Portsmouth, *in the County of* Norfolk; *and preventing the Building of Wooden Chimnies therein.*
19. ————*To enable the Veftry in the upper Parifh in* Nanfemond *County, to fell certain Lands; and for other Purpofes therein mentioned.*
20. ————*For eftablifhing the Town of* Winchefter, *and appointing Fairs therein.*
21. ————*To impower the Veftry of the Parifh of* Truro, *in the County of* Fairfax, *to fell their Glebe, and to pay Part of the Purchafe Money to the Parifh of* Cameron.
22. ————*For diffolving the Veftry of the Parifh of* Nottoway, *in the County of* Amelia, *and electing a new Veftry in the faid Parifh.*
23. ————*For enlarging the Fees for granting Licences to Pedlars.*
24. ————*For eftablifhing a Town at* Weftham, *in the County of* Henrico.
25. ————*To oblige the Profecutors of Offences not Capital, to pay the Coffs of the Profecution, where the Defendants fhall be acquitted.*
26. ————*For eftablifhing the Town of* Smithfield, *in the County of* Ifle of Wight; *and to prevent Wooden Chimnies being built therein.*
27. ————*For eftablifhing the Town of* Pocahontas, *in the County of* Chefterfield; *and to prevent Wooden Chimnies being built therein; and for other Purpofes therein mentioned.*
28. ————*For laying a public Levy, and for other Purpofes therein mentioned.*
29. ————*To amend an Act,* intituled, *An Act for erecting a Town at* Bray's *Church, in the County of* King-George.
30. ————*For appointing a Treafurer.*
31. ————*To impower the Juftices of the County of* Stafford, *to levy for* Nathaniel Harrifon, *and* Hugh Adie, *Gent. the Value of their Work and Labour in building a Courthoufe, which was burned before it was finifhed.*
32. ————*For appointing Truftees for the Towns of* Richmond *and* Falmouth.
33. ————*To veft the Right of two Acres of Land, whereof* Elizabeth Exum *is feifed in Fee-Simple, in the Juftices of the County of* Southampton, *to the Ufe of the faid County.* 122
34. ————*To confirm the Title of Lands purchafed of the* Nottoway Indians; *and for other Purpofes therein mentioned.*
35. ————*For allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Alexandria.
36. ————*For building a Bridge over* Pagan-*Creek; and for appointing feveral new Ferries.*
37. ————*To enable the Veftry of the Parifh of* Wafhington, *in the County of* Weftmoreland, *to fell a Tract of Land therein mentioned, and to apply the Money arifing by fuch Sale towards purchafing other Land for a Glebe.*
38. ————*For clearing* Appamattox *and* Pamunkey *Rivers.*
39. ————*For building a Bridge over* Appamattox *River, by Subfcription.*
40. ————*For preferving the Breed of Sheep.*
41. ————*For allowing a free Ferry to be kept at* Port-Royal.
42. ————*To prevent malicious Maiming and Wounding.*
43. ————*To dock the Intail of 250 Acres of Land, in the Parifh of* Weftover, *in the County of* Charles-City, *whereof* Rebecca, *Wife of* William Clinch, *lately died feifed in Fee-Tail, and for veffing the fame in certain Truftees, in Fee-Simple, and for other Purpofes therein mentioned.*

44. ————*For continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for reviving and amending the Acts for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Towns of* Frederickſburg *and* Richmond.

45. ————*To veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned, in* Reuben Skelton, *Gent. in Fee-Simple; and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

46. ————*To confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* John New *and* Benjamin Harriſon, *Gent. for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

47. ————*To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Arthur Smith *is ſeiſed; and to ſettle a Water-Mill, with other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

48. ————*To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* David Garland *is ſeiſed; and for ſettling other Lands, and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes.*

49. ————*To veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned, in* Henry Waſhington, *Gent. in Fee-Simple.*

50. ————*To amend the Act, intituled, An Act for eſtabliſhing a Town near* Roy's *Warehouſe, in the County of* Caroline, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

51. ————*For docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* James-City, *and veſting the ſame in* Thomas Chamberlayne, *Gent. in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

52. ————*For docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* King-William, *and veſting the ſame in* William Dandridge, *in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

123 The Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, which the Council had agreed to, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds be given to the Honourable *Robert Dinwiddie*, Eſq; and that he be deſired to accept the ſame, as a grateful Acknowledgment for his Regard to the Intereſt and Welfare of this Colony.

Reſolved, That *James Abercrombie*, Eſq; be appointed Agent, for preſenting the Addreſs, and ſoliciting the Repreſentation to his Majeſty, agreed to by the Council, and this Houſe, and that the Sum of £.100 *Sterling* be remitted him by the Treaſurer of this Colony, for his Trouble in ſoliciting the ſame.

Reſolved, That the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds *per Annum*, be allowed to *William Hunter* Printer, from the laſt Day of *December*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty One, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as full Recompenſe for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, Receipts for the Duty of Slaves, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

Reſolved, That the Sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds be paid to *Richard Bryan*, as a Reward for diſcovering his Medicine for curing the Dry-Gripes, upon his producing a ſatisfactory Certificate to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, from under the Hands of Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Fry*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Conway*, Mr *Walke*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Reade*, and Mr *Carter Burwell*, or the major Part of them, who are by this Houſe appointed to make an Experiment of the Efficacy of the Medicine that ſhall be by the ſaid *Richard Bryan*, to them communicated, of their Approbation thereof.

And then made the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

I RETURN you Thanks for your Care and Diſpatch of the public Buſineſs, as alſo for your Favours, and the Confidence you have repoſed in me, to forward your Addreſſes to His Majeſty. You may be aſſured of my Care to have them properly preſented, and my utmoſt Endeavours to procure the Relief deſired.

The Seaſon of the Year, and your own private Affairs, calling you to your reſpective Counties,

I deſire to recommend to you, as far as your Influence reaches, to ſee the Laws in Regard to the Militia put in Execution, by having the People duly muſter'd, and train'd up in Military Diſcipline. We have an open and extenſive Country, without Fortifi-

cations,

cations, ſo that the Protection of our Lives and Eſtates depend chiefly (under God) on our Militia; and it's the Maxim of all wiſe Nations, in Time of Peace, to prepare and provide againſt the Exigencies of War.

I further recommend to you, as far as poſſible, to diſcourage Gaming, Swearing, and immoderate Drinking, particularly at the County Courts. The firſt of theſe Crimes, I am informed, has been pretty general in this Country, and is now much practiſed among the lower Claſs of our People: I mean Tradeſmen and inferior Planters, who in all Countries are very apt to follow the Examples of their Superiors. This great Vice is often attended with many other Sins, and frequently with the Ruin of Families. All 124
well conſtituted Governments, obſerving the many dreadful Conſequences attending it, have thought proper to make ſtrong laws againſt Gaming; and there are many ſalutary Laws ſubſiſting in the Colony againſt it. It's the Duty of every Magiſtrate to put theſe Laws in Execution, but more particularly of you, Gentlemen, who are elected to repreſent the Body of the People in a legiſlative Capacity.

Gentlemen, I confide in you, That by your Example you will encourage Religion and Virtue, and to the utmoſt of your Power and Capacity, diſcourage Vice and Impiety, in all its ugly Shapes; which will be an eſſential Means to increaſe the Peace and Proſperity of this Dominion: And in Conſequence of ſuch Example and Practice, I promiſe myſelf great Satiſfaction and Pleaſure.

And if it ſhall pleaſe God we meet again, I hope you will come fully determined to do every Thing in your Power, to eſtabliſh the Happineſs of this Colony, on the ſtrongeſt Foundation.

And now nothing remains, but to wiſh you Health and Proſperity in your Receſs; and to acquaint you, That I think fit to prorogue You to the laſt *Thurſday* in *October* next: And this Aſſembly is accordingly prorogued to that Time.

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Thurſday, November 1ſt, 1753.

A MESSAGE from the Governor, was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

The Governor commands your immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the Houſe, went up to attend the Governor.

And being returned, he reported that the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the Houſe, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

IT is with great Pleaſure I meet you again, in a Legiſlative Capacity, and as the laſt Seſſion ended with great Harmony, I doubt not this preſent Seſſion will begin, continue, and end in the ſame Manner; and I hope you meet with Unanimity, for the Service of your Country.

Your Addreſs to his Majeſty was tranſmitted and properly preſented. I ſhall lay before you a Copy of ſundry Paragraphs of Mr *Abercrombie* your Agent's Letters to me, in regard thereto, and to the Acts paſſed laſt Seſſions: And I ſhall alſo lay before you, a Letter from the Right Honourable the Lords of Trade, recommending a ſtrict Friendſhip and Affection to the *Indians*, and ſhewing them the Uſefulness of giving a proper Encouragement to foreign Proteſtants to ſettle in the interior Parts of this Dominion; a Copy of the Lords of Trade their Remonſtrance and Reaſons to his Majeſty, on your reviſed Laws; a Report of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to the Lords of the Treaſury, in Regard to your Tobacco Law; as alſo a Copy of an Inſtruction from his Majeſty, granting me power to give my Aſſent to two Laws formerly repealed; to all which I refer you.

I am heartily ſorry, for the bad Accounts we have of the Price of Tobacco at Home,
2 and of its bad Quality; which I conceive muſt be greatly owing to the Neglect and Diſhoneſty of the Inſpectors: I therefore recommend to your Conſideration, whether the Reduction of the vaſt Number of Warehouſes, and the appointing an Inspector-General in each River, properly impowered to inſpect the different Warehouſes, and to examine the Books of the Inſpectors, would not be of Service to remove the Complaints now ſubſisting.

Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Since your laſt Adjournment, I have been alarmed by ſeveral Informations from our back Settlements, from the *Indians*, and from our neighbouring Governors, of a large Body of *French* Regulars, and *Indians* in their Intereſt, having marched from *Canada*, to the River *Ohio*, in an hoſtile Manner, to invade his Majeſty's Territories, and having actually built a Fort on his Majeſty's Land: On which, by the Advice of the Council, I have ſent ſeveral conſiderable Preſents to the *Indians*, that are our Allies, and in Friendſhip with us. These People ſeem much ſurpriſed at the Conduct of the *French*, and appear full of Reſentment; and have aſſured the Commiſſioners, ſent from me, of their ſincere Attachment to the *Britiſh* Intereſt, and to the *Engliſh* Colonies on this Continent.

And as I intend to meet the Chiefs of the different Tribes of *Indians*, next *May*, at *Winchester*, to deliver a very conſiderable Preſent from his Majeſty; I am in great Hopes then, to make a firm, ſtrong, and laſting Alliance with them.

This Attempt of the *French* has been repreſented to the Miniſtry at Home, by ſeveral of the Governors on this Continent, and by myſelf; and by them it was laid before the King. His Majeſty out of his paternal Love, Affection, and great Regard he bears to his Subjects on this Continent, immediately ordered one of his Ships of War to come to this Dominion, with his Royal Instructions to me, how to conduct myſelf, in the preſent Situation of Affairs: I alſo received Letters to all his Majeſty's Governors on this Continent, with Orders to dispatch the ſame to them immediately.

As this Affair has been ſo ſtrongly noticed and attended to at Home, and there judged to be of great Conſequence to his Majeſty's Dominions, and to his Subjects here, I doubt not you will think it a Matter that requires your immediate Conſideration.

And I am commanded by his Majeſty immediately to call the Aſſembly within my Government, and to lay before them the Neceſſity of a mutual Aſſiſtance, and to engage them to grant ſuch Supplies, as the Exigency of the preſent Affairs requires: Which I now do, and I doubt not but you will anſwer his Royal Expectations, by granting ſuch Sums of Money, for the defeating the Deſigns of our Enemies, as the preſent Emergency calls for.

And as his Majeſty's Ship is directed to wait for my Diſpatches, I ſhall detain her 'til you come to ſome Reſolution thereon. His Majeſty has, out of his great Goodneſs and Regard to our Preſervation, ordered Thirty Pieces of Cannon, Powder, *&c.* for the Protection of our Frontiers to the Weſtward, and I very ſoon expect them; when they do arrive, I ſhall adviſe with the Council, how they ſhall be diſpos'd of, for the Uſe intended.

Gentlemen,

I think from the remarkable Tokens of his Majeſty's Paternal Care, and particular Regard for our Safety and Protection, I need uſe no other Arguments to you, to take into your Conſideration the Neceſſity of a preſent and immediate Supply; not doubting but you will enable me to comply with his Majeſty's Orders, and to return an agreeable Answer on the Subject, and that you will act herein conſiſtently with the juſt and diſtinguiſhed Character the Legiſlature of *Virginia* bears with the King and His Miniſtry at Home.

And as the Supply now demanded is for the Protection of our Lives and Properties, the Extenſion and Settlement of his Majeſty's Territories, and for the Benefit and Advantage of us and our Poſterity, I ſhall leave this Affair entirely to your mature Conſideration.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

My attention, ever ſince I had the Honour of preſiding over this Dominion, has been to have the Militia properly trained up in the Uſe of their Arms, and to have them made more perfect and regular in the Exerciſe thereof: For that Purpoſe I have, with the Advice of the Council, divided this Dominion into Four Diſtricts; and have appointed an

Adjutant

Adjutant to each Diſtrict, with my Orders to exerciſe the Officers firſt, to qualify them to exerciſe each ſeparate Company, ſo as to be properly prepared for General Muſters in *September*: As I am of Opinion, That the Militia Law is deficient in ſome Points, I ſhall lay before you ſome Remarks thereon for your Conſideration: As our Militia, under God, is our chief Dependance, for the Protection of our Lives and Fortunes; (our Country being very extenſive and without Fortifications,) I doubt not you will think it a proper Step to look into that Law, and make ſuch Alteration and Amendment as to you may be thought neceſſary.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Houſe of Burgeſſes,

The Affairs before-mentioned being all I have at preſent to lay before you, and as they are of great Conſequence to this Colony; I deſire you will enter on your Duty with Calmneſs and due Conſideration, in the Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in you by your Conſtituents. And now I deſire to aſſure you, That I am ready to aſſiſt you, in doing every Thing in my Power for the Service of His Majeſty, and of this Dominion.

Reſolved,

That an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, to thank his Honour for his Speech to the Council and this Houſe, and to aſſure him of the grateful Senſe we have of his Majeſty's paternal Care over us, and that we will take the ſeveral Matters mentioned in his Honour's Speech, under our ſerious Conſideration, and will endeavour to act therein, conſiſtent with the Duty we owe his Majeſty, and our Country.

Ordered,

That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the Governor, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to M^r^ Attorney, M^r^ *Fry*, M^r^ *Charles Carter*, M^r^ *Carter Burwell*, M^r^ *Bland*, M^r^ *Benjamin Waller*, and M^r^ *Whiting*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved,

That this Houſe will take the Governor's Speech into Conſideration To-morrow.

Ordered,

That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a Writ to iſſue, for the Electing of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the Counties of *Dinwiddie* and *Halifax*, and that M^r^ *Bland* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered,

That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the Electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Southampton*, in the Room of M^r^ *Thomas Jarrel*, deceaſed, and that M^r^ *Bland* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That the Reverend M^r^ *William Stith* be appointed Chaplain to the Houſe and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning, at Ten of the Clock.

The Petition of *James Lavie* praying that he may be appointed one of the Door-Keepers to this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Alſo a Petition of *William Dunn*, that he may be appointed one of the Door-Keepers to this Houſe, in the Room of *William Francis*, was preſented to the Houſe and received,

Ordered,

That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, November 2d, 1753.

Reſolved,

THAT the order of this Houſe for taking the Governor's Speech into Conſideration this Day, be put off till *Monday* next.

M^r^ Attorney reported, that the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and afterwards

afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to, and is as follows,

SIR,

WE his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, now met in General Aſſembly, return your Honor our Thanks for your Speech at the opening of this Seſſion.

With Hearts full of Duty and Gratitude for the paternal Care his Majeſty is graciously pleaſed to extend to us, his diſtant Subjects, we beg Leave to aſſure your Honour of our inviolable Fidelity and Affection to his Majeſty's ſacred Perſon and Government, and our Zeal for the Continuance of the *Britiſh* Crown, in his Royal and Illuſtrious Houſe.

We will take the important Matters recommended to us by your Honour, under our ſerious Conſideration, with that Calmneſs and Unanimity, as will demonſtrate our ſteady and firm Attachment to the true Intereſt of our Country.

The Laws on which our Support and Preſervation depend, require our ſtricteſt Attention, and we ſhall pay all due Regard to ſuch Remarks as your Honour, ſhall think fit to lay before us, and purſue ſuch Meaſures as ſhall ſeem moſt likely to procure the ſalutary Ends propoſed by them.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame, wait on the Governor to know his Pleaſure when they ſhall attend his Honour to preſent it.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, November 3d, 1753.

A MESSAGE from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to deliver to this Houſe, the Papers referred to in his Speech.

And the Titles of the ſaid Papers were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers do lie on the Table, until the Governor's Speech be taken into Conſideration by this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to the Governor, to lay before this Houſe the ſeveral Treaties made with the *Indians*, at *Albany*, in the Year 1722; at *Lancaſter*, in 1744; and at *Logg*'s-Town in the Year 1752; and that he would be pleaſed to make known to this Houſe, the Reſult of the Conference held at *Winchеſter*, in the Year 1753.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be preſented to the Governor by Mr *Pendleton*.

Mr Attorney reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, waited on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure, when the Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs; and that he was pleaſed to appoint this Day, and to ſay, that he would ſignify, by a Meſſage to the Houſe, when he was ready to receive it.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, that his Honour is now ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council-Chamber.

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe went up, and being returned, reported, that he, with the Houſe, had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer,

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6 Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I Return you my ſincere Thanks for your kind Addreſs.

I am thoroughly convinced of your Duty and Attachment to his Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and am in great Hopes, that during the Proceedings of your Houſe, on the Affairs recommended to you in my Speech; you will diſtinguiſh yourſelves in every Point, ſo that you may prove an Example to our neighbouring Governments, of your Zeal and Compliance in ſuch Things, as the preſent Situation of our Affairs requires.

I ſhall very ſoon lay before you ſuch Remarks as occur to me, in Regard to the Militia, and doubt not of your purſuing every Meaſure that may prove of Service to this Dominion.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, November 5th, 1753.

A PETITION of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *South-Farnham*, in the County of *Eſſex*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That the Glebe of *South-Farnham* Pariſh, is very inconvenient to the Miniſter and Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh; and praying that the ſaid Veſtry may be enabled to ſell the ſaid Glebe, and apply the Money ariſing from the Sale thereof, towards purchaſing a more convenient one.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Francis Smith*, Mr *Waring*, and Mr Pendleton, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to the Governor, to iſſue a Writ for the Electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Accomack*, in the Room of Mr *Edmund Allen*, who, ſince his Election for the ſaid County, hath accepted the Office of Sheriff thereof; and that Mr *Eyre* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr *Carter Burwell*,

Mr *Charles Carter*
Mr *Lomax*,
Mr *Benjamin Waller*,
Mr *Fry*,
Mr *Martin*,
Mr *Johnſon*,
Mr *Chiſwell*.
Mr *Whiting*,
Mr Attorney,
Mr *Bland*,
Mr *Riddick*,
Mr *Pendleton*,
Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*, and

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day; and to examine, in the firſt Place, all Returns of Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and compare the ſame with the Form preſcribed by Law; and to take into their Conſideration, all ſuch Matters as ſhall, or may come in Queſtion, touching Returns,
7 Elections and Privileges, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe; and the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr *Charles Carter*,

Mr *Woodbridge*,
Mr *Whiting*,
Mr *Chiſwell*,
Mr *Fry*,
Mr *Bolling*,
Mr *Kennon*,
Mr *Carter Burwell*,
Mr *Wormeley*,
Mr *Bland*,
Mr *Lomax*,

Mr

Mr *Hedgman*,
Mr Attorney,
Mr *Armiſtead Burwell*,
Mr *Norton*,
Mr *William Digges*,
Mr *Tucker*,
Mr *Pendleton*,
Mr *Dewey*, and
Mr *Benjamin Waller*,
Mr *Fairfax*,
Mr *Randolph*,
Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*,
Mr *Dudley Digges*,
Mr *Cocke*,
Mr *Eppes*,
Mr *Henry Robinson*,

And they are to meet and adjourn, from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration, all Propoſitions and Grievances that ſhall come legally certified to this Aſſembly; and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe: And all ſuch Propoſitions and Grievances are to be delivered to the Clerk of the Houſe, and by him to the ſaid Committee, of Courſe. And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Public Claims be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr *Fry*,
Mr *Turner*,
Mr *Harwood*,
Mr *Claiborne*,
Mr *Drury Stith*,
Mr *Waring*,
Mr *Etheldred Taylor*,
Mr *Alexander*,
Mr *John Smith*,
Mr *Cave*,
Mr *Scott*,
Mr *George Taylor*.
Mr *Weſtwood*,
Mr *Eyre*,
Mr *Wood Jones*,
Mr *Ball*,
Mr *Francis Smith*,
Mr *Weſt*,
Mr *Payne*,
Mr *Gale*,
Mr *Kendall*,
Mr Howard, and

And they are to meet and adjourn, from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Public Claims, which ſhall be preſented to the Houſe during this Seſſion; and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe, when they have gone through the ſaid Claims: And all Perſons who have any Claims, are to deliver them to the Clerk, and he is to deliver the ſame to the ſaid Committee, of Courſe. And they are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee for Courts of Juſtice be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.* 8

Mr *Whiting*,
Mr *Reddick*,
Mr *Carrington*,
Mr *Buſhrode*,
Mr *Chinn*,
Mr *Dewey*,
Mr *Vaulx*.
Mr *John Tabb*,
Mr *Thomas Harriſon*,
Mr *Venable*,
Mr *Blackwall*,
Mr *Pendleton*, and

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration, all Matters relating to Courts of Juſtice, and ſuch other Matters as ſhall, from Time to Time, be referred to them, and report their Proceedings. And the ſaid Committee is to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Trade be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr *Lomax*,
Mr *Reddick*,
Mr *Bouſh*,
Mr *Holliday*,
Mr *Norton*,
Mr *Armiſtead Burwell*, and
Mr *Tucker*,
Mr *Adams*,
Mr *Travis*,
Mr *Eyre*,
Mr *Weſtwood*,

And

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and take under their Conſideration, all Things relating to the Trade of this Colony, and all Matters that ſhall be, from Time to Time, to them referred, and to report their Proceedings: And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records, for their Information.

Reſolved, That Eleven of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and Five of any other Committee, be a ſufficient Number to make a Committee.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Clerks of the Committees be continued in their reſpective Offices.

Reſolved, That in all Caſes of controverted Elections, to be heard at the Bar of this Houſe, or before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Petitioners do, by themſelves, or by their Agents, within a convenient Time, to be appointed, either by the Houſe, or the Committee of Privileges and Elections, as the Matter to be heard ſhall be before the Houſe, or the ſaid Committee, deliver to the ſitting Members, or their Agents, Liſts of the Perſons intended by the Petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the ſitting Members, giving in the ſaid Liſts the ſeveral Heads of Objection, and diſtinguiſhing the ſame againſt the Names of the Voters excepted to, and that the ſitting Members, do, by themſelves, or their Agents, within the ſame Time, deliver the like Liſts, on their Part, to the Petitioners, or their Agents.

Reſolved, That the Order of the Houſe, for taking the Governor's Speech into their Conſideration this Day, be put off till To-morrow.

A Claim of *John Newell*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *James Ellett*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Philemon Carlton*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, in the Book of Claims.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, November 6th, 1753.

A CLAIM of M^{r} *Thomas Roy*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *William Sadler*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Redge Young*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Edmundſon*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Margaret Ball*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Claxton*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Edmund Swinnie*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, in the Book of Claims.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Amelia*, ſetting forth, That they preferred a Petition the laſt Seſſion, for a Diviſion of that County, which was referred to the Conſideration of this preſent Seſſion; and praying a Diviſion of the ſame according to the prayer of the former Petition, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Pleaſants*, and *Charles Woodſon*, Proprietors of the Warehouſes at *Four-Mile*-Creek, ſetting forth, That the uſual Rent of Eight Pence *per* Hogſhead, will not be equal to the Expence they have been at in Building, and the Inconveniences of opening Roads through their Lands to the ſaid Warehouſes, and praying that the Houſe would be pleaſed to take them into Conſideration, and allow them ſuch Rents as they may think proper; was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Moore*, Mr *Byrd*, Mr *Page*, Mr *Thornton*, Mr *Robert Jones*, Mr *Robert Burwell*, and Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that Mr *Thomas Tabb*, Mr *Willſon*, and Mr *Robert Jones*, be added to the Committee of Claims; that Mr *Green*, and Mr *Robert Jones*, be added to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice; and that Mr *Hutchings*, Mr *Thomas Tabb*, and Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, be added to the Committee of Trade.

Mr *Francis Smith*, reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *To impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* South-Farnham, *in the County of* Eſſex, *to ſell the Glebe Land in the ſaid Pariſh, and to lay out, and apply the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale, towards purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, and erecting Houſes thereon*; and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take under their Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Governor's Speech, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, To-morrow.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, That he would be pleaſed to make known to this Houſe, the Purport of his Majeſty's Inſtructions, in Relation to that Part of his Honour's Speech which refers to granting ſuch Supplies as the Exigency of our preſent Affairs requires, and that Mr *Charles Carter* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

A Petition of the Sheriff of the County of *York*, praying an additional Allowance for his extraordinary Attendance on the General Court, during the ſix Days that have been added to each Court, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims, that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, do inſpect the Journals of the laſt Seſſions, and draw up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progress that was made therein, and report the ſame to the Houſe, that they do alſo examine what Laws have expired ſince the laſt Seſſion, and inſpect ſuch temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Seſſion, or are near expiring, and report the ſame to the Houſe, with their Opinions which of them are fit to be revived and continued.

A written Meſſage from the Governor, was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

The Council Journals have been examined, and no Entry of the Treaty at Albany, *in 1722, can be found*; *but it appears by ſome Minutes thereof, to relate only to Differences then ſubſiſting between the Northern* Indians, *and the* Indians *tributary to this Government, which were thereby adjuſted.*

The Commiſſioners ſent to the Indians *at* Winchester, *laſt Summer, was to receive from the* Twigtwees (*a large Nation of* Indians *to the Weſt of our Settlements,*) *their earneſt Acknowledgements of ſtrict Friendſhip with the* Britiſh *Subjects, and to deliver them a Preſent. At the ſame Time the Commiſſioners had my Orders to invite ſome of their chief Men, and thoſe of the other Nations of Indians to meet me at* Winchester, *next May.*

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded alſo by the Governor to lay before the Houſe a Copy of the Releaſe of the Six Nations, &c. *to his Majeſty, at* Lancaſter, 1744; *alſo a Copy of the Confirmation of the Treaty at* Lancaſter, *at* Logg's *Town, in* 1752.

And the Titles of the ſame were read.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday,

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Wednesday, November 7th, 1753.

TWO Claims of *George Nash*, for taking up two Runaways therein mentioned.
Also a Claim of *John Griggs*, for the same Service.
Also a Claim of *George Burras*, for the same Service.
Also a Claim of *William Garland*, for the same Service.
Also a Claim of *Godfrey Wilcox*, for the same Service.
Also two Claims of *Thomas Simpson*, for the same Services.
Also a Claim of *James Hines*, for the same Service.
Also a Claim of *Edward Cary*, for the same Service.
Also a Claim of *Benjamin Cave*, Junior, for the same Service.
Also a Claim of *John Thomas*, for the same Service; were severally presented to the House and received.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the said Claims in the Book of Claims.

A Bill, *To impower the Vestry of the Parish of* South-Farnham, *in the County of* Essex, *to sell the Glebe Land in the said Parish, and to lay out and apply the Money arising by such Sale, towards purchasing a more convenient Glebe, and erecting Houses thereon*; was read a second Time.

Ordered, that the Bill be ingrossed, and read a third Time.

A Petition of *James Jameson*, and *John Evans*, Inspectors at *Roy*'s Warehouses, in the County of *Caroline*, praying a future Increase of their Salaries.

Also a Petition of *Joseph Hale*, praying to be allowed for a Negroe who hanged himself, having first committed a Murder on another Negroe, were severally presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Mr *Carter* from the Committee of Propositions and Grievances, reported, that the Committee had had under their Consideration, the Proposition from the County of *Prince-William*, to them referred, for reducing the Allowance on Tobacco paid in that County, in Discharge of Officers Fees, and have come to a Resolution thereon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows,

Resolved, That the said Proposition be rejected.

Ordered, That *James Lavie* be appointed a Door-Keeper to this House, in the Room of *William Francis*, and that he give his Attendance accordingly; and that the rest of the Door-Keepers be continued in their respective Offices.

Resolved, That the Order of the House, for taking the Governor's Speech into their further Consideration, this Day, be put off till To-morrow.

And then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

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Thursday, November 8th, 1753.

A CLAIM of *Robert Hancock*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.
Also a Claim of *John Wheateley*, for the same Service.
Also a Claim of *Benjamin Ward*, for the same Service.
Also a Claim of *Thomas Consolve*, for the same Service; were severally presented to the House, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the said Claims, in the Book of Claims.

Mr *Whiting* from the Committee for Courts of Justice, reported, That the Committee had, according to Order, inspected the Journals of the last Session of Assembly, and prepared and drawn up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and had agreed

agreed upon a report, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows,

Reſolved, That it appears to this Committee, That a Petition of *George Purcelley*, ſetting forth, That his Negroe Man *Guy*, being, by a Court of *Oyer and Terminer*, held for his Trial, ſentenced to be hanged, and valued at 45 £. current Money, afterwards, before the Day appointed for his Execution, made his Eſcape out of Goal, and had not ſince been taken, and praying the Relief of the Houſe therein, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Propoſition from the County of *James City*, for adding Part of that County to the County of *New Kent*, and Part of the ſaid County of *New Kent*, to the ſaid County of *James City*, was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That the Propoſitions from the County of *Lunenburg*, for dividing that County by a Line to run from the Mouth of *Falling* River, to the dividing Line between that County and the County of *Albemarle*, was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That the Propoſition from the County of *Amelia*, for dividing that County, was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That the Propoſition from the County of *Auguſta*, for adding Part of that County, to the County of *Frederick*, was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Bill prepared to amend an Act, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein*; and one other Act, intituled, *An Act directing the Method of Trial of Criminals for Capital Offences, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a firſt and ordered to be read a ſecond Time; and it was further ordered, that the ſaid Bill ſhould be printed, and a Copy thereof ſent, by the Printer, to each of the Members of this Houſe.

That a Petition of *Robert Blaws*, for Tobacco damaged at the *Great-Bridge* Warehouſe, in *Norfolk* County, was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, the Petitioner not appearing to make out the Allegations of his Petition.

That a Petition of *Ann Harriſon*, ſetting forth, That her late Huſband was an in- 13
liſted Soldier on the Expedition againſt *Carthagena*, in which Service he received a Wound that killed him, leaving the Petitioner his Widow, in very mean circumſtances, and praying the Relief of the Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Petitions of *George Purcelly*, *Robert Blaws*, and *Ann Harriſon*, mentioned in the ſaid Report, be referred to the Committee of Claims: And that the ſeveral Propoſitions mentioned therein, be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to lay before your Houſe, a Copy of a Letter from the Earl of Holderneſs, *his Majeſty's principal Secretary of State, dated* Auguſt 28th, 1753.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Thomas Penman*, Keeper of the Public Goal, praying an Addition to his Salary, that he may be enabled to maintain the Priſoners confined in the ſaid Priſon, in a clean and wholeſome Manner, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims, that they do examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Fouſhee Tabbs*, and *Richard Kenner*, Inſpectors at *Quantico* Warehouſes in the County of *Prince William*, praying an Addition to their Salaries, on Account of the great Increaſe of the Quantity of Tobacco, annually brought to the ſaid Warehouſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Gerard Alexander*, Gent. was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That he is ſeiſed in Fee-Tail of 2713 Acres of Land, in the County of *Fairfax*; that he

he is alſo ſeiſed in Fee-Simple of two Tracts one lying in the County of *Frederick*, containing 873 Acres; the other in the County of *Fairfax*, containing 540 Acres or thereabouts; that he conceives it would be greatly to his Advantage and his Poſterity, to dock the Intail of the ſaid Lands in *Fairfax*, and ſettle the Lands in the Counties of *Frederick* and *Fairfax* aforeſaid, with Slaves of greater Value in Lieu thereof, and praying that a Bill may be brought in for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Charles Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Propoſitions from ſeveral Counties to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and are as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Caroline*, for clearing *Mattapony* River, as high as *Burk*'s Bridge, by removing
14 Hedges, Trees and other Obſtructions out of the ſaid River, at the Expence of ſuch Perſons as will ſubſcribe for that Purpoſe; and from [for] indemnifying them from Suits by Occaſion of removing ſuch Obſtructions, and caſting the Rubbish on other Perſons Lands; is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Eſſex*, for altering the Court-Day of that County from the third *Tueſday*, to the third *Monday* in every Month is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Culpeper*, for allowing the Owners of Hounds to let them run at large, be rejected.

The Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, have alſo had under their Conſideration, the Petition of *Tarlton Woodſon*, and *Charles Woodſon*, to them referred, ſetting forth, That from *Four-Mile*-Creek Warehouſe Landing, and the Land of the aforeſaid *Charles Woodſon*, in *Henrico* County, acroſs *James* River, unto the Neck of Land belonging to *Tarlton Woodſon* in the County of *Cheſterfield*, is a convenient Place for Travellers to paſs over that River, and praying that there may be a public Ferry kept from the ſaid Warehouſe Landing, to the ſaid Neck of Land, with the Privilege of erecting one or more Gates acroſs the Road in the aforeſaid Neck of Land; and have come to the following Reſolutions thereupon.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the ſaid Petition, as relates to the keeping a public Ferry, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the ſaid Petition as relates to the erecting one or more Gates, acroſs the Road in the ſaid Neck of Land, is reaſonable.

The ſecond Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Eſſex*, for altering the Court Day of that County, from the Third *Tueſday*, to the Third *Monday* in every Month, be rejected.

The other Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, That the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the Reſolutions agreed to by the Houſe.

A Petition of *John Eppes*, and *James Thweat*, Inſpectors at *Bollings*-Point Warehouſe, praying an additional Salary, from the great Increaſe of the Quantity of Tobacco brought annually to the ſaid Warehouſe, ſince the laſt Aſſembly, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

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An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of South* Farnham, *in the County of* Eſſex, *to ſell the Glebe Land in the ſaid Pariſh, and to lay out, and apply the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale, towards purchaſing a more Convenient Glebe, and erecting Houſes thereon*; was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Francis Smith* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded to take into their Conſideration the Petition of *Joſeph Hailes*, preferred Yeſterday, and was ordered to lie on the Table, and the ſame was read, and ordered to be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims, to examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *James Brown*, a Priſoner in the Publick Goal, ſetting forth, that he was impriſoned upon an Execution on a Judgment in the General Court, and intended to Claim the Benefit of the Act for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, but was ſerved with a ſecond Execution from the ſaid Court, ſo that he could not obtain it, on Account of the General Court's breaking up before the Expiration of 20 Days after the ſecond Execution being ſerved upon him, and propoſing ſome Amendments to the Law concerning Executions, and for Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, and praying that he may be releaſed from his Impriſonment upon ſurrendering his Eſtate up, according to Law, for the Benefit of his Creditors, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, to examine into the Matters thereof, and report their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill, purſuant to a Reſolution of this Houſe, for eſtabliſhing a Ferry from *Four-Mile* Creek Warehouſe Landing on the Land of *Charles Woodſon* in *Henrico* County, acroſs *James* River, to the Neck of Land belonging to *Tarlton Woodſon*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*; that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for eſtabliſhing a Ferry from *Robert Wades*, [*ſic*] Land in the County of *Halifax*, acroſs the River *Staunton* to the County of *Lunenberg*; alſo a Ferry from *Benjamin Baſſcomb's*, to the Land of *James Buckſton*, acroſs *Bennett's* Creek, in *Nanſemond*; alſo a Ferry from the Land of *Charles Ellis* in *Henrico* County, to the Land of *Daniel Weldon*, in *Cheſterfield*; alſo a Ferry from *Jeremiah Godwins*, acroſs the *Weſtern-Branch* in *Nanſemond*, to the Land of *James Benn*.

Three Petitions from ſundry the Inhabitants of the County of *Surry*, praying that the ſaid County may not be divided, according to a Petition already preferr'd for that Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee, for taking into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Carter* reported, that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration, the Governor's Speech. To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, November 9th, 1753.

Ordered,

THAT Mr *Gabriel Jones*, and Mr *Maddiſon*, be added to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

Two Petitions from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Albemarle*, praying a Diviſion of their County, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, as they ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Moſeley*, and *John Oſborne*, Inſpectors at *Oſborne*'s Warehouſes, in the County of *Cheſterfield*.

Alſo a Petition of *Godrey Ragsdale*, and *Field Archer*, Inſpectors at *Bolling*'s Warehouſe, in the ſaid County, praying an addition to their Salaries; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *John Brummel*, ſetting forth, That a Negroe Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, was, by a Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, held in the County of *Cheſterfield*, convicted of a Rape, ſentenced to be hanged, and valued at 60 £. current Money, that before the Day appointed for his Execution, he broke out of Goal, and hath not been ſince retaken, and praying an allowance for him, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Council, by M^r *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* South-Farnham, *in the County of* Eſſex, *to ſell the Glebe Land in the ſaid Pariſh, and to lay out and apply the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale, towards purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, and erecting Houſes thereon*; without any Amendment.

M^r *Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions from the County of *Amelia*, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions for dividing the ſaid County of *Amelia*, by a Line to be run from *Ward's* Ford, on *Appomattox* River, to the Mouth of *Snail*'s-Creek on *Nottoway* River, is reasonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition for dividing the ſaid County of *Amelia* by the *Weſtermoſt* Branch of *Sandy* River, and by a Line from the Head thereof, to the Line dividing the ſaid County, from the County of *Lunenburg*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition for dividing the ſaid County of *Amelia*, by the Line dividing the Pariſhes of *Nottoway* and *Raleigh*,
17 in the ſaid County, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Carter* reported, That the Committee had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments, as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the *Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*; ought to be amended.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Laws now in Force, making proviſions againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, are ſufficient to impower the Governor to reſiſt any hoſtile Attempts or Invaſions made on this Colony: But if any Invaſion ſhould Happen, and the Power given to the Governor, by thoſe Laws, ſhould then be found inſufficient; that there ought to be ſuch further Aſſiſtance given, as the Exigency of Affairs ſhall require.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, laying before him a Repreſentation of the State of this Colony,

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and praying that he would be pleaſed to grant his Lands to the *Weſt-ward* of the great Mountains in ſmall Parcels, exempt from the Payment of Rights and Quitrents, for the Space of Ten Years, which will be an Encouragement to foreign Proteſtants to ſettle thereon; and thereby be the moſt effectual Means of ſecuring our Frontiers, and cultivating a Friendſhip with the *Indians*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a further Encouragement be given to all Perſons, being Proteſtants, who ſhall hereafter ſettle and reſide on any Lands ſituate to the *Weſtward* of the Ridge of Mountains that divides the Rivers *Roanoke*, *James* and *Patowmack*, from the *Miſſiſippi*, in the County of *Auguſta*.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the firſt and laſt Reſolutions.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Fry*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Lomax*, and Mr *Benjamin Waller*, do prepare an Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty, purſuant to the third Reſolution.

Mr *Carter* alſo acquainted the Houſe, That the Committee not having Time to go through the Governor's Speech, had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, on *Wedneſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, November 10th, 1753.

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A PETITION of *William Hunter*, Printer, ſetting forth, That by a Reſolve of the laſt General Aſſembly, he was allowed 300*£*. *per Annum*, for ſundry Services therein mentioned, which will expire at the End of this preſent Seſſion, and praying that the ſaid Allowance may be continued, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Reſolved, That the Sum of 300*£*. *per Annum*, be allowed to *William Hunter*, Printer, from the end of this preſent Seſſion, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other Public Services.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr *Benjamin Waller*, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Petition of *William Seward*, *Junior*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his Land in *Hog-Iſland-Main*, acroſs *James*-River, to *Higginſon*'s Landing, on the Land of *Lewis Burwell*;

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Albemarle*, praying that if this Houſe ſhould think proper to divide the ſaid County, that the ſame may be divided by the *Fluvanna* River, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Edward Oſborne*, in behalf of himſelf and others, praying an additional Rent for the Warehouſes at *Bermuda*-Hundred, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Claim of *Edward Rowel*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claim, in the Book of Claims.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday,

Monday, November 12th, 1753.

Ordered,

THAT Mr *Curtis* be added to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

Mr *Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, A Bill *For clearing* Mattapony *River*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *George Brett*, praying that a Ferry may be appointed from his Land, acroſs *Patowmack* River to *Maryland*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

19 *Ordered*, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be returned to the Reverend Mr *William Stith*, for his excellent Sermon preached Yeſterday, before the Council, and this Houſe, and that he be deſired to print it; and that Mr *Carter* do wait on him for that Purpoſe.

A Petition of the Inſpectors at *Hunting-Creek* Warehouſe, in the County of *Fairfax*, praying that their Salaries may be increaſed; was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition, and ſeveral others, praying an Increaſe of certain Inſpectors Salaries, that were ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Several Petitions from the County of *Surry*, praying a Diviſion of the ſaid County, and that the lower Part may retain the Name of *Surry*, were preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A Claim of *John Watkins*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned,

Alſo a Claim of *Poindexter Moſeley*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, in the Book of Claims.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to lay before your Houſe, a Copy of a Letter from Governor Sharpe; *alſo a Copy of* Conrad Weiſer's *Letter, and his Tranſactions with the* Indians.

Which being read;

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *John Holt*, praying that he may be allowed to continue his Ferry at *Hog-Iſland*, free from the Burthen of maintaining a Bridge over *Hog-Iſland*-Creek, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition, be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Dewey* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Monday* next.

Mr *Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Propoſitions from ſeveral Counties to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Brunſwick*, for dividing that County, by *Maherin* River, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Brunſwick*, for dividing the Pariſh of St. *Andrew*, in that County, by *Maherin* River, and making the ſame two diſtinct Pariſhes; that on the *North* Side the ſaid River, to retain the Name of St. *Andrew*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Surry*, for laying off into Lots and Streets, and eſtabliſhing as a Town, Fifty Acres of Land, at *Cabbin*-Point, in the ſaid County, on *Upper-Chepokes* Creek, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Surry*, for eſtabliſhing a Town at *Low-Point*, on *Chepoke*'s Creek, on the Land of *John Cocke*, Gent. in the ſaid County, which has been laid out into Lots and Streets, and ſold to ſeveral Perſons, to be called by the name of *Guildford*, and to have the ſame Privileges and Immunities as other Towns erected by Act of Aſſembly, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Surry*, for erecting a Public Warehouſe, for the Inſpection of Tobacco, at *Low-Point*, on *Chepoke's* Creek, on the Land of *John Cocke*, Gent. in the ſaid County, be rejected.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Jacob Bugg*, and *Olive Branch*, Inſpectors at the *Rocky-Ridge*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, ſetting forth, That the Salary for each Inſpector at the ſaid Inſpection, was ſettled by Act of Aſſembly in the Year 1748, at 25£. *per Annum*, and that the Quantity of Tobacco received at the ſaid Inſpection, for the firſt Year, was only 129 Hogſheads, but that the Quantity had lately greatly increaſed, inſomuch that at the laſt Year's Inſpection, the ſame amounted to 900 Hogſheads; and praying that their Salaries may be enlarged, and that they may have a further Allowance for their Services the two laſt Years.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the ſaid Petition, as relates to the Enlargement of the Salaries of the ſaid Inſpectors, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that ſo much of the ſaid Petition as relates to making the Petitioners a further Allowance for their Services the two laſt Years, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of 10£, to each of the ſaid Petitioners, for their Services the two laſt Years is a reaſonable Allowance.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the ſecond and fourth Reſolutions.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom it is referred, to prepare and bring in a Bill, *For amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, that they receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, purſuant to the ſixth Reſolution.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the laſt Reſolution.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, November 13th, 1753.

Ordered.

THAT Mr *Moſely*, and Mr *Walke*, be added to the Committee of Trade; Mr *Willis* to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and Mr *Power*, to the Committees of Privileges and Elections, and Propoſitions and Grievances.

A Claim of *Richard Smallman*, and *John Barber*, for taking up ſeveral Runaways therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *William Saunders*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *George Chares*, for the ſame Service.

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Alſo a Claim of *Avery Dye*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims in the Book of Claims.

A Petition of *John Rowzie*, and *Daniel Gaines*, Inſpectors at *Layton*'s and *Occupatio* Warehouſes, in the County of *Eſſex*; praying an Increaſe of their Salaries, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr Attorney informed the Houſe, that he was deſir'd by the Governor to lay before them his Honour's Remarks on the Militia Law, which he did accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *John Holt*, and *Elizabeth Broadnax*, praying that the ſaid *John* may be allowed for one, and the ſaid *Elizabeth* for four Hogſheads of Tobacco, which were burnt at the Public Warehouſes at *Kennon*'s; and alſo a Memorial from the Inſpectors, of all the Tobacco burnt in the ſaid Warehouſes, were preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition and Memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for reducing the ſeveral Laws made for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein, into one Act of Aſſembly, *to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And the ſaid Bill was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *James Skelton*, praying a further Allowance for rebuilding the *Capitol*.

Alſo a Petition of the Juſtices of the County of *Elizabeth*-City, and the Miniſter and Church-wardens of the Pariſh of *Elizabeth*-City, in the ſaid County, ſetting forth, That one *Benjamin Sym*, formerly of the ſaid County, deceaſed, did, by his laſt will and Teſtament, give 200 Acres of Land, with a Marſh contiguous thereto, for the Maintenance of a Perſon to keep a free School for the Education of the Children belonging to the adjacent Pariſhes, and directed that the Juſtices of the ſaid County, and the Miniſter and Church-wardens of the ſaid Pariſh, ſhould ſee his will juſtly and truly performed; that it would be greatly to the Benefit of the ſaid Charity, if the Lands were to be ſold, 1000£. having been offered for the ſame, and praying that they may be enabled to ſell the ſame, reſerving one Acre for a School-Houſe, and that the Purchaſe Money may be ſecured in Truſt, for the Uſes declared in the ſaid Will, and that they may be impowered to ſue for the Arrears of Rent, due from ſuch Perſons as have rented the ſaid Land from the ſaid Juſtices, &c. and if it ſhould not be thought convenient to ſell the ſaid Land, that an Act may paſs for veſting the ſame in Truſt, for the Uſes declared in the ſaid Will.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, November 14th, 1753.

MR *Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Propoſitions from ſeveral Counties to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition for dividing the County of *Surry*, by *Seacock* Swamp, from the Line dividing the ſaid County, from the County of *Southampton*, up to the main Road at *Blow*'s-Bridge; thence by the new Road, commonly called the Court-houſe Road, to *Coppohonk*-Swamp; thence by *Coppohonk*-Swam[p], down the ſame to *Black-water*, and thence by *Black-water*, up the ſame, to the Line dividing the ſaid County of *Surry*, from the County of *Prince-George*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition that ſo much of the County of *Surry*, after the ſame ſhall be divided, as lies on the inner Side, next to *James*-River, retain the Name of *Surry*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition for adding ſo much of the Pariſh of *Albemarle*, in the County of *Surry*, as lies on the lower Side of *Southampton* County Line, from *Black-water*, to *Seacock*-Swamp; thence up the ſaid Swamp, to the main Road at *Blow's*-Bridge; thence along the ſaid Road to *Coppohonk*-Swamp, and down that Swamp to *Black-water*, to the Pariſh of *Southwark*, in the ſaid County, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition that what Money belonging to the County of *Surry*, at the Time the Diviſion of the ſaid County ſhall take Place, ſhall be in the Hands of the Sheriffs and Caſhiers of the ſaid County, ſhall be accounted for by them, and paid to the Courts of both Counties, after the ſaid County of *Surry* ſhall be divided, in Proportion to their reſpective Number of Tithables, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition for dividing the County of *Surry*, by a Line to be run from the middle Way between *Cabbin*-Point, and *Guildford* Town, a *South* Courſe to the croſs Roads near *Cabbin*-Point Church; from thence by *Rowling-Alley* Road, to *Black-water* Bridge, near the Court-houſe, and from thence by a Courſe to *Southampton* County Line, be rejected. 23

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions in Oppoſition to the Propoſitions for dividing the County of *Surry*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition that the outer Part of the County of *Surry*, after the ſame ſhall be divided, retain the name of *Surry*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Auguſta*, for adding Part of that County, from the Temperial Line, to the County of *Frederick*, be rejected.

On Conſideration of the Propoſition from the County of *James*-City, for adding that Part of the ſaid County of *James*-City, above the Mill formerly called *Cowles*, to the County of *New-Kent*; and that Part of the ſaid County of *New-Kent*, commonly called *Hickory-Neck*, and *Ware*-Creek, to the ſaid County of *James*-City.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *John Power*, *Leonard Henley*, *Julius-King Burbridge*, *William Brown*, *William Hockaday*, *William Hopkins*, *John Richardſon*, *John Allen*, and *John Timberlake*, or any ſix or more of them, run a Line or Lines, for dividing the ſaid Counties of *James*-City and *New-Kent*, in ſuch Manner as to them ſhall ſeem convenient, and report to this Committee, ſuch Line, or Lines, and the Courſe, or Courſes thereof, and what Number of Tithable Perſons, will, by ſuch Diviſion, be added to, and taken from each of the ſaid Counties, as they now are.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the three firſt Reſolutions.

A Claim of *John Herbert*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned,

Alſo a Claim of *Joſeph Meredith*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Lyon*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Bowin*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo two Claims of *Francis Tupman*, for the ſame Services.

Alſo a Claim of *John Jones*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Furlong*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo

Alſo a Claim of *Stephen Hansford*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *George Alſup*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *Joſeph Strother*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *John James*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Ficklin*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *John Peuit*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *John Pinchbeck*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *Hugh Meornick*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *Benjamin Davis*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *Joel Jarroll, junior*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *Benjamin Joyner*, for the ſame Service.
24 Alſo a Claim of *Charles Thomſon*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *William Harriſon*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo two Claims of *Thomas Armſtrong*, for the ſame Services.
Alſo a Claim of *Daniel Grant*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo two Claims of *John Brown*, for the ſame Services.
Alſo a Claim of *William Edwards*, for the ſame Service,
Alſo a Claim of *Mark Talbot*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, reſpectively in the Book of Claims.

A Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of *Henrico*, *Cheſterfield*, *Cumberland*, *Albemarle*, and *Amelia*, ſetting forth the many Hardſhips they labour under, by being oblig'd to pay one Piſtole into the Secretary's Office, over and above the Fees formerly demanded and allowed, before they can obtain Patents for their Lands, out of the ſaid Office, and praying the Relief of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Meſſage from the Council, by M^r *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Reſolve, For allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, 300*£*. *per Annum*, from the End of this preſent Seſſion, to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other Public Services, *without any Amendment*.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Caroline*, praying, That a public Warehouſe, for the Inſpection of Tobacco, may be eſtabliſhed on the Land of *Benjamin Robinſon*.

Alſo a Petition of the Inſpectors at *Gibſon*'s, *Bray*'s, *Morton*'s, *Falmouth*, and *Dixon*'s Warehouſes, in the County of *King-George*, and the Inſpectors at *Roy*'s, in the County of *Caroline*, ſetting forth the Hardſhips they labour under by a Clauſe in the Tobacco Law, obliging the Inſpectors to open ſuch Tobacco as ſhall be demanded by the Perſons entitled to receive the ſame; and on any Tobacco being refuſed, directing the Juſtices to view it on Oath, and not to paſs any that is not found, well conditioned, and clear of Traſh, and praying that the Severities of that Law may be moderated, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that theyexamine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Bruce*, Under-Sheriff of *King-George* County, praying That he may be allowed 540 Pounds of Tobacco, which was levied on *Ann Manning*, and *John Walker*, for taking up their Runaways, who have no Effects, and are not Inhabitants of his County;

Alſo a Petition of the Juſtices of the County of *Charles-City*, praying that the ſaid County may be repaid 39*£*. which they expended in building a Wharf at *Swine-herd*'s Warehouſes, in the ſaid County.

Alſo

Alſo a Petition of *Margaret Holder*, and *James Grifing*, Proprietors of the Warehouſes at *Hobb*'s-Hole, praying that they may be reimburſed the Expences they have been at in building a Wharf at the ſaid Warehouſes.

Alſo a Petition of *John Warren*, *John Brett*, *James Ridley*, *Henry Perſon*, *William* 25
Taylor, and *Barnaby Bailey*; praying that the ſaid *Henry Perſon* may be allowed for two, and each of the other Petitioners for one Hogshead of Tobacco, which were burnt in the Public Warehouſes at *Smithfield*, and a Memorial from the Inſpectors, of all the Tobacco burnt in the ſaid Warehouſes, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims, that they do examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, A Bill *For dividing the County of* Amelia.

Alſo a Bill *For dividing the Pariſh of Saint* Andrew, *in the County of* Brunſwick.

Alſo a Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Guildford, *in the County of* Surry, *and to prevent Wooden Chimnies being built therein*; and the ſame were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, *For clearing* Mattapony *River*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Council, intituled, *An Act for reducing the ſeveral Laws made for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein, into one Act of Aſſembly*; was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, on *Friday* next.

The Order of the day being read, for this Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take under their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That the Governor's Remarks on the Militia Law be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take under their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Carter* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Governor's Speech, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the *Act for the better Regulation of the Militia*, ought to be amended.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Byrd*, Mr *Thornton*, Mr *Fry*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Hedgman*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Tucker*, Mr *Kennon*, Mr *Turner*, and Mr *Fairfax*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *George Taylor* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Saturday* Se'ennight.

Ordered, That there be a call of the Houſe on *Tueſday* next.

Upon a Motion made, 26

A Bill, *For dividing the County of* Amelia, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, November 15th, 1753.

A BILL, *For dividing the Pariſh of St.* Andrew, *in the County of* Brunſwick, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed.

A Bill, *For eſtabliſhing the Town of* Guildford, *in the County of* Surry, *and preventing Wooden Chimnies being built therein*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be Ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, and Mr *Moſeley*, be added to the *Committee*, to whom it is referred to prepare and bring in a Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia.*

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have paſſed a Bill, intituled, An Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves; *to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.*

And the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Claim of *Cox Whitlaw*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Milner*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Benjamin Winton*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Jonathan Goodwin*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Lemuel Lambert*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Babb*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Witſton Jones*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Henry Beſt*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *James March*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Denſon*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Benjamin Coulding*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Joſeph Williams*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Howell*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, in the Book of Claims.

Mr *Carter*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill *To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Gerrard Alexander is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For dividing the County of* Surry, *and adding Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle, *to the Pariſh of* Southwark, *in the ſaid County.*

Alſo a Bill, *For further encouraging Perſons to ſettle on the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi; and the ſame were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

27 A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *King and Queen*, praying that no Perſon may be allowed to tend more than 4000 Tobacco Plants for any Tithable Perſon, or above 2000 for every Perſon above ten, and under ſixteen Years of Age; employed in making Tobacco, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

And the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr *Whiting* from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, reported, That the Committee had, according to Order, examined what Laws have expired ſince the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, and inſpected ſuch temporary Laws as will expire with, or ſoon after the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment to one of them, and is as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the 22d Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled; *An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, which will expire on the 27th Day of *October*, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord 1755, ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 22d Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Practice of Attorneys*; which will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, ought to be continued with Amendments.

Reſolved.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That that Part of the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 22d Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for reducing the Laws made for laying a Duty upon Liquors, into one Act of Aſſembly*; which will expire on the 10th Day of *June*, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord 1755; and alſo that other Part of the ſame Act, which was continued by an Act, made in the 25th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for continuing a Clauſe of an Act of Aſſembly therein mentioned*; which will alſo expire on the 10th Day of *June* 1755, ought to be further continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 25th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, to be paid by the Buyers, for the Term therein mentioned*; which will expire on the 27th Day of *February*, 1756, ought to be continued.

Ordered, That the Committee for Courts of juſtice, do prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills, purſuant to the two firſt, and that the Committee of Trade, do prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills, purſuant to the two laſt Reſolutions.

A Petition of *Archibald Ritchie*, Proprietor of the Warehouſes at *Hobb*'s-Hole; praying that he may be reimburſed his expences for building and repairing the Warehouſes, and for repairing the Wharf at the ſaid Place; and that all Tobacco, which ſhall, at any Time hereafter, be relanded and put into any Public Warehouſe, from on Board any Veſſel, may be ſubject to the Payment of the like Rent or Storage, as if the ſame had been 28
inſpected at ſuch Warehouſe,

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, praying that Public Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco, may be erected on the Land of *William Price*, or on the Land belonging to the Orphan of *John Watts*, deceaſed, on *Mattox*-Creek; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Amelia; was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomas Tabb* do carry the Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for clearing* Mattapony *River*; was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'clock.

Friday, November 16th, 1753.

A CLAIM of *Robert Dudley*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claim in the Book of Claims.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of St.* Andrew, *in the County of* Brunſwick, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up, and, on a Motion made, an ingroſſed Clauſe was added as a Rider to the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Stith* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Petition of *John Norfleet*, praying to be allowed for a Negroe that was killed, as he was working on the Highway, by the Fall of a Tree, was preſented to the Houſe and read; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reolved,

Refolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A Petition of *James Turner*, and *James Pugh*, Inſpectors at *Sleepy-Hole*, and *Wilkinſon*'s Warehouſes, in the County of *Nanſemond*, ſetting forth, That the ſaid Warehouſes have been ſeveral Times broke open, and large Quantities of Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſame, and praying Relief therein; was preſented to the Houſe: And the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be received.

Refolved in the Negative.

A Petition of *Miles Cary*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That a Negroe of his, ſome Time in the Month of *May* laſt, broke open a Store-Houſe belonging to the Petitioner, and committed ſeveral other Crimes; and to avoid Puniſhment he abſconded; that he procured him to be oultawed, ſome Time after which he drowned himſelf, and praying ſuch Relief as this Houſe ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Town of* Guildford, *in the County of* Surry, *and for preventing Wooden Chimnies being built therein*; was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Refolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Claiborne*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ingroſſed Bill, from the Council, intituled, *An Act for reducing the ſeveral Laws made for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein, into one Act of Aſſembly*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and had made ſome Progreſs therein, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Refolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'clock.

Saturday, November 17th, 1753.

THE Houſe being informed that *George Fox* of the County of *Caroline*, had aſſaulted and abuſed the Lady and Servants of a Member of this Houſe.

Refolved, That the ſaid *George Fox*, in ſo doing, is guilty of a breach of the Privileges of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *George Fox*, be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms.

A Meſſage from the Council, by M^r *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Amelia.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of St.* Andrew, *in the County of* Brunſwick, without any Amendments.

A Claim of *William Dudley*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *John Leigh*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, in the Book of Claims.

A Bill *For dividing the County of* Surry, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to M^r *Waller*, M^r *Bland*, M^r Attorney, M^r *Robert Jones*, and M^r *Claiborne*.

Ordered, That M^r *Thomas Tabb*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till this Day Se'ennight; and Mr. *Bland*, till *Tueſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday,

Monday, November 19th, 1753.

Ordered,

THAT Mr *Reade* be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice; Mr *Johnſon*, Mr *Riddick*, and Mr *Martin*, to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; Mr *Gray* to the Committee of Claims; and Mr *Bland* to the Committee of Trade.

A Bill *To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Gerrard Alexander *is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Carter*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Fairfax*, Mr *Weſt*, Mr *Thomas Harriſon*, and Mr *Blackwell*.

A Petition of *William Francis*, ſetting forth, That he hath ſerved as a Door Keeper to this Houſe, for many Years paſt, but could not give his Attendance at the Commencement of this Seſſion, having had no Notice thereof, and praying that he may be continued in his Office; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and thereupon

Ordered, That he be appointed a Door Keeper to this Houſe, and that he give his Attendance accordingly.

A Member returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Spotſylvania*, in the Room of Mr *William Waller*, who, ſince his Election, hath accepted of the Office of Coroner, and that Mr Curtis, do wait on him with the ſame.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *To explain the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating Ordinaries, and Reſtraint of Tippling Houſes*, and that Mr *Johnſon* and Mr *Pendleton* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions and Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration, ſeveral Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, 31
where the firſt of the ſaid Reſolutions was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

On Conſideration of the Petition of the Sheriff of the County of *York*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Petition is reaſonable; and that he ought to be allowed 500 Pounds of Tobacco, for his Attendance on the laſt General Court, beſides his uſual Allowance; and that the ſaid additional Allowance ought to be continued to the Sheriffs of the ſaid County of *York*, reſpectively, for the Time being.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report, as to the other Reſolutions, do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance in the Books of Claim, purſuant to the Reſolution, agreed to by the Houſe.

The Order of the Day, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the ingroſſed Bill, from the Council, intituled, *An Act for reducing the ſeveral Laws made for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein, into one Act of Aſſembly*; being read,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, Tomorrow.

A Claim of *John Ruffel*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claim, in the Book of Claims.

Ordered, That the Claims of *Iſaac Maſon*, and *Richard Kirby*, for Tobacco burnt in the Public Warehouſes at *Smithfield*, be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine the ſame, and make Report thereof, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, November 20th, 1753.

TWO Members returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, Privileges and Elections, and to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for the better Regulation of the Militia*; that Mr *Spotſwood* be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; and that Mr *John Jones*, and Mr *Iſham Eppes* be added to the Committee of Claims.

A Claim of *John Richardſon*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *John Jones*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims in the Book of Claims.

32 Mr *Whiting* from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For continuing an Act, intituled, an Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, *For further encouraging Perſons to ſettle on the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for clearing* Mattapony *River*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to take into their Conſideration the ſaid Amendments, and the ſame being read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton*, do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe doth agree to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

An ingroſſed Bill, from the Council, intituled, *An Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr Attorney, and Mr *Martin*.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Iſle of Wight* and *Southampton*, praying that the Public Warehouſes at Smith's may be diſcontinued, and new Warehouſes erected at *Fulgam's* Point, oppoſite to thoſe in *Smithfield*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Robert Chew*, of the County of *Spotſylvania*, and *Mary* his wife, ſetting forth, That the Petitioner *Mary* is ſeiſed, in Fee-Tail, under the Will of her Grandfather, *Richard Perrot*, deceaſed, of 1450 Acres of Land, ſituate in the Pariſh of *Chriſt-Church*, in the

the County of *Middleſex*; and that the Petitoner *Robert* is alſo ſeiſed in Fee-Simple, of and in 1487 Acres of Land, lying and being in the Pariſh of St. *George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*; that they conceive it will be greatly to the Advantage of the Petitioners, and thoſe claiming under the will of the ſaid *Richard Perrot*, to dock the Intail of the ſaid Lands in *Middleſex*, and to ſettle the ſaid Lands in Spotsylvania, with Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes; and praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe; was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Benjamin Waller*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An Account of *John Wheately*, againſt the Public, for Lodging and Dieting of *Indians*, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine the ſeveral Articles thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Propoſitions and Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in 33
his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the two firſt of the ſaid Reſolutions were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the County of *Lunenburg*, for dividing that County, by a Line to be run from the Mouth of *Falling* River, to the Line dividing the ſaid County, and the County of *Albemarle*, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the County of *Albemarle*, for dividing that County, and the Pariſh of St. *Anne*, in the ſaid County, by the *Fluvanna* River, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do bring in a Bill purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report, as to the other Reſolutions, do lie on the Table.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ingroſſed Bill, from the Council, intituled, *An Act for reducing the ſeveral Laws made for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein, into one Act of Aſſembly*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that they had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off till *Thurſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, November 21ſt, 1753.

AN Account of *Richard Tutt*, againſt the Public, for erecting a Gallows and Gibbet, and making of Irons, for the Execution of *John Trotman*, and *John Sparks*, was preſented to the Houſe and received: And the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Account, be referred to a Committee,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Account be rejected.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That a Petition of the Reverend *John Gordon*, Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Frederick*, had been read in Council, and was by them referred to the Conſideration of this Houſe; and the ſaid Petition was read.

Ordered.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Hunter*, ſetting forth, That after compleating the Body of Laws of this Colony, agreeable to his Contract with the Executors of *William Parks*, deceaſed, by the Directions of the honourable the Speaker, he printed 500 Copies of twenty Laws, which became then in force by his Majeſty's Repeal of ſundry Acts made in the Year 1748; and praying ſuch an Allowance for the ſame, as to this Houſe ſhall ſeem reaſonable.

34 Alſo a Petition of *James Crane*, ſetting forth, That he expended 25 £, beſides his Loſs of Time, in purſuing and apprehending, upon a Hue and Cry, *John Oyles*, and *Thomas Green*, who were ſeverally tried in the General Court, and convicted of Felony, and praying that he may be reimburſed the Money ſo by him expended, and that this Houſe will make him ſuch an Allowance, for his Trouble and Loſs of Time, as to them ſhall ſeem reaſonable, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Lawrence Smith*, of the County of *Glouceſter*, Gent. ſetting forth, That he is ſeiſed in Fee-Tail Male, of, and in 1300 Acres of Land, in the Pariſh of *Abingdon*, and County of *Glouceſter*, by virtue of a Deed-Poll made by *Lawrence Smith*, the Petitioner's Great Grandfather, to his Son *John Smith*, who was the Petitioner's Grandfather. That he hath but a very ſmall Number of Slaves, not near ſufficient to work the ſaid Tract of Land, which, by Reaſon thereof, is rather chargeable than profitable to him: That he hath agreed with *Warner Lewis*, of the ſaid County, Gent. in Caſe he can be impowered to ſell the ſaid Land, to the ſaid *Warner Lewis*, to purchaſe from him 4000 Acres of Land, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, and Slaves of the Value of 450 £, *Sterling*, which together, are of greater Value, and will be of greater Benefit and Advantage to the Petitioner and his Poſterity, and thoſe claiming under the ſaid Deed-Poll, than the Lands in *Glouceſter*, and praying that an Act may paſs, for docking the Intail of the ſaid Land in *Glouceſter*, and veſting the ſame in the Petitoner, in Fee-ſimple, and for ſettling the ſaid 4000 Acres of Land in *Spotſylvania*, and Slaves of the Value of 450 £. *Sterling*, to the ſame Uſes, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That Mr *Whiting* do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Mr *Carter Burwell*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the Counties of *Dinwiddie* and *Southampton*, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Return of the ſaid Writs are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Dinwiddie*, ſetting forth the many Hardſhips they labour under, by being oblig'd to pay one Piſtole, into the Secretary's Office, over and above the Fees formerly demanded and received, before they can obtain any Patents from the ſaid Office, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition, and the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Henrico*, *Cheſterfield*, *Cumberland*, *Albemarle* and *Amelia*, which was order'd to lie on the Table, be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take under their Conſideration, the ſaid Petitions, To-morrow.

35 Several Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Auguſta* and *Frederick*, praying that all that part of the County of *Auguſta* which lies between the Line of the Right Honourable

Honourable the Lord *Fairfax* and the County of *Frederick* may be taken off from the County of *Auguſta* and added to the County of *Frederick*.

Alſo a Petition of the Juſtices of *Frederick* County, ſetting forth the many Inconveniences they, and the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, labour under by Reaſon of the Extenſiveneſs of the ſaid County, and praying that the ſame may be divided from the *Warm Springs* along the *Cape-Capon* Mountains to the *Auguſta* Line, and that Quarterly Courts may be held in the ſaid County were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Waller*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For dividing the County of* Surry *and adding Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle, *to the Pariſh of* Southwark, *in the ſaid County* was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for further encouraging Perſons to ſettle on the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill *For continuing an Act, intituled, an Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A Claim of *Jeffry* and *Charles Palmers*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Burwell Baſſet*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, in the Book of Claims.

The Houſe according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon the Ingroſſed Bill, from the Council, intituled, *An Act for reducing the ſeveral Laws made for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein, into one Act of Aſſembly*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone through the ſame, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, November 22d, 1753.

AN Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry, *and adding Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle, *to the Pariſh of* Southwark, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Claiborne*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Petition of *Thomas Anderſon* and *William Overton*, ſetting forth that this Houſe did at the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, from the Increaſe of Buſineſs at *Pages* Warehouſes in the County of *Hanover*, make an allowance of 30 *l.* to *David Richardſon* one of the Inſpectors at the ſaid Warehouſe as an Addition of 10*l. per Annum* to his Salary, for three Years,

Years, and an Allowance of 15*l.* to *John Dabney* the other Inſpector as an addition of 10*l.* *per Annum* to his Salary for one Year and a Half. That the Petitioner *William Overton* ſerved one, and *Thomas Anderſon* ſerved two, of the ſaid three Years, for which the ſaid *David Richardſon* was allowed the ſaid 30 *l.* and *John Dabney* the ſaid 15 *l.* That the ſaid *David Richardſon* and *John Dabney* refuſe to allow the Petitioners or either of them any Part of the Money ſo allowed to them; and praying that this Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration and allow to each of the Petioners ſuch Proportion of the ſaid Sums of 30*l.* and 15*l.* as they ſhall think fit.

Alſo a Petition of *Arthur Applewhaite*, praying to be allowed for a Hogſhead of Tobacco which was burnt in the Public Warehouſes at *Smithfield*.

Alſo a Petition of *Elizabeth Dawſon*, ſetting forth that ſhe hath built, two Wharfs at the Brick Houſe in *New-Kent* County. That the Rents of the Warehouſes at the ſaid Place are not ſufficient to reimburſe her the Money ſhe hath expended in building them, and praying an Allowance for the ſame, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled; *An Act for continuing an Act, intituled an Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Whiting* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Petition of the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of *Bliſland*, in *New-Kent* and *James-City* Counties, praying that they may be enabled to ſell the old Glebe, belonging to the ſaid Pariſh, and lay out, and apply the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale in purchaſing Plate and Ornaments for the Uſe of the lower Church in the ſaid Pariſh.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Power*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An ingroſſed Bill from the Council, intituled, *An Act for reducing the ſeveral Laws*
37 *made for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein, into one Act of Aſſembly*; with the Amendments, were read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the bill with the Amendments do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the ſaid Bill, with ſome Amendments, to which Amendments they deſire their Concurrence.

A Petition of *Edward Pegram*, in the County of *Dinwiddie*, ſetting forth, That ſome Time in the Year 1748, the Petitioner, in taking up a Runaway Negroe, was obliged to give him ſeveral Blows, ſome Time after which he died; that *John Jones*, Gent. to whom the ſaid Negroe belonged, brought a Suit againſt the Petitioner, and obtained a Judgement againſt him for 40*l.* and praying Relief, was offered to the Houſe: And the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be received,

Reſolved in the Negative.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Albemarle*, praying that a ferry may be appointed from the Mouth of the *Double-Creeks*, on the Land of *Nicholas Davis*, acroſs *Fluvanna* River, to *Salopian* Point, to the Land of the ſaid *Davis*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for eſtabliſhing a Ferry from *Four-Mile*-Creek Warehouſe Landing, on the Land of *Charles Woodſon*, in *Henrico* County, acroſs *James*-River, to the Neck of Land belonging to *Tarlton Woodſon*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, that they receive a Clauſe purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Mr *Lomax* from the Committee of Trade, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For continuing the Act, intituled, an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, for the*

the Term therein mentioned, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take under their Conſideration the ſeveral Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Henrico*, *Cheſterfield*, *Cumberland*, *Albemarle*, *Amelia*, and *Dinwiddie*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that they had had the ſaid Petitions under their Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; which he read in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Honour the Governor, to inform him, that ſeveral Petitions have been preferred to this Houſe, from ſundry Inhabitants of this Colony, complaining of an unuſual Demand that is made in the Secretary's Office, of a Piſtole, for every Patent that is iſſued from the ſaid Office, as a Fee to his Honour, for ſigning the ſaid Patents, and the Uſe of the Seal, and to deſire him to make known to this Houſe, whether the ſaid Demand is made by his Honour's Directions, and if ſo, by what Authority he has directed the ſame to be demanded; and that Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Power*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Fry*, Mr *Claiborne*, and Mr *Johnſon*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Carter* alſo informed the Houſe, that the Committee had directed him to move for 38
Leave to ſit again, to take under their further Conſideration the ſaid Petitions.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take under their further Conſideration the ſaid Petitions, on *Tueſday* next.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off till *Tueſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, November 23d, 1753.

TWO Claims of *William Rowntree*, for taking up two Runaways therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *John Pond*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Needlis Hill*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo two Claims of *Philemon Parr Edmondſon* for the ſame Services, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, reſpectively in the Book of Claims.

Mr *Johnſon*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill *To explain an Act, intituled, an Act for regulating Ordinaries and Reſtraint of Tipling-Houſes*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for further encouraging Perſons to ſettle on the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi,

Alſo to the Bill, intituled; *An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, without any Amendments.

Alſo to the Amendments propoſed by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for reducing the ſeveral Laws made for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein, into one Act of Aſſembly*.

Ordered, That Mr *Willis* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, 'till *Saturday* Se'nnight.

Mr *Lomax* from the Committee of Trade, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For further continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

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Mr *Charles Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Alſo a Bill, *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, and the ſame were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Preſident and Maſters of *William* and *Mary* College do lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Money ariſing from the Duty of one Penny upon every
39 Gallon of Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other diſtilled Spirits, paid to them by the Treaſurer of this Colony, according to the Directions of an Act of Aſſembly, made in the 19th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty.

Mr *Lomax* from the Committee of Trade, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 19th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, *For reducing the Laws made for laying a Duty on Liquors, into one Act of Aſſembly*; and alſo a Clauſe of another Act made in the 22d Year of the ſame Reign, *For continuing the ſaid recited Act*, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and is as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Importers of Liquors chargeable with the Duties laid by the ſaid Acts ought to have a reaſonable Allowance for Leakage and Shrinkage; and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Negative.

Mr *Waller*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, *For docking the Intail of certain Lands, in the County of* Middleſex, *and veſting the ſame in* Robert Chew, *in Fee-ſimple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to he read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, *For continuing the Act, intituled, an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, for the Term therein mentioned*; was read the second Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be Ingroſſed.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee to whom the Ingroſſed Bill, from the Council, intituled, *An Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves*, was committed, reported, That they had made an Amendment thereto, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Mr *Charles Carter*, alſo, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and part thereof agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the Counties of *Iſle of Wight*, and *Southampton*, for diſcontinuing the Public Warehouſes, for the Inſpection of Tobacco on *Smith*'s Land, on the Eaſt Side of *Pagan*-Creek, in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the Counties of *Iſle of Wight* and *Southampton*, for erecting Public Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco, at *Fulgam*'s Point, oppoſite to thoſe in *Smithfield*, in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the Counties of *Frederick* and *Auguſta*, for adding to the County of *Frederick*, that Part of the County of *Auguſta*, which lies between the Southern Line of *Frederick* County, and the Line dividing the Territory of the Lord *Fairfax*, from the other Part of this Colony, are reaſonable.

40 *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the Counties of *Frederick* and *Auguſta*, for dividing the County of *Frederick*, and that Part

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of the County of *Auguſta*, which lies between the Southern Line of *Frederick* County, and the Line dividing the Territory of the Lord *Fairfax*, from the other Part of this Colony, in two Counties, by the *Warm-Spring* Mountain, and *Great-North* Mountain, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the County of *Frederick*, for appointing the Court of that County, to be held Quarterly, be rejected.

Ordered, That Mr *Fairfax* do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the third and fourth Reſolutions.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report, as to the two firſt Reſolutions, do lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, November 24th, 1753.

Ordered,

THAT Mr *Chinn* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Recovery of his Health.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

A Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*; was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill, on *Wedneſday* next.

Mr *Charles Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *John Gordon* Miniſter of *Frederick* Pariſh, to them referred, praying that his Salary may be paid, as the Salaries of the other Clergymen in this Colony are paid; or that inſtead thereof, he may be paid 100£. annually, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the ſaid Petition, as relates to the paying the Petitioner's Salary, in the ſame Manner as the Salaries of other Clergymen in this Colony, are paid, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee. That ſo much of the ſaid Petition, as relates to paying the Petitioner 100£. annually, inſtead of the Salary now allowed him, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the laſt Reſolution, and that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee that they receive a Clauſe for making the ſame Allowance to the Miniſter of the Pariſh of *Auguſta*, in the County of *Auguſta*, inſtead of the Salary now allowed him. 41

The Houſe being informed that *George Fox*, attended at the Door, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, it was thereupon

Ordered, That he be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, and that it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, to the Serjeant at Arms, for his Expences in taking and bringing down the ſaid *Fox*.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday,

Monday, November 26th, 1753.

MR *Fairfax* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For adding Part of the County of* Auguſta *to the County of* Frederick *and for dividing the County of* Frederick, *and the Part of* Auguſta *to be added thereto, into two Counties*, and the ſame were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Act, intituled, an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, for the Term therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Lomax*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill, *For docking the Intail of certain Lands, in the County of* Middleſex, *and veſting the ſame in* Robert Chew, *in Fee-ſimple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Waller*, Mr *Wormeley*, Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*, and Mr *Curtis*.

An Ingroſſed Bill, from the Council, intituled, *An Act for the better Government of Servants and Slaves*, with the Amendments, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill, with the Amendments, do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney, do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the ſaid Bill, with ſome Amendments, to which Amendments they deſire their Concurrence.

A Petition of *John Armiſtead*, of the County of *Glouceſter*, Gent. ſetting forth, That he is ſeiſed in Fee-Tail under the Will of *Thomas Meriwether*, deceaſed, of, and in 1710 Acres of Land, lying in the Pariſh of *South-Farnham*, in the County of *Eſſex*; and of eight Lots of Land, in the Town of *Tappahannock*, in the ſaid County; That the Petitioner's Father, did, by his Laſt Will and Teſtament, give and deviſe unto his Daughter *Suſannah*, 600*£*. *Sterling*, and directed that the ſame ſhould be paid her by the Petitioner, when ſhe ſhould attain the Age of 21 Years, or Marriage: And did alſo give unto his Son *William*, 600*£*. *Sterling*, to be paid him when he ſhould arrive at the Age of 21 Years. That the ſaid *Suſannah* has ſince intermarried with one *Moore Fantleroy*, of the County of *Richmond*, who ſoon after ſuch Marriage, brought Suit againſt the Petitioner in the
42 County Court of *Glouceſter*, and obtained a Judgment againſt him for the ſaid Sum of 600*£*. and Intereſt thereon, from the Time of his Marriage, and that the other Legacy to his Brother *William*, is alſo become payable: That it is out of the Power of the Petitioner to diſcharge the ſame, without ſelling of his Negroes, which, if ſufficient, would render his other Lands uſeleſs, and an Incumbrance to him; and praying that Leave may be given to bring in a Bill to enable him to ſell the ſaid intailed Lands, or ſo much thereof, as will be ſufficient to diſcharge the ſaid Legacies, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr Attorney, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of the Inſpectors at *Page's* and *Crutchfield*'s Warehouſes, in the County of *Hanover*, praying an Increaſe of their Salaries.

Alſo a Petition of the Inſpectors at *Meriwether*'s Warehouſe in the ſaid County, to the ſame Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Bill, *For further continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be Ingroſſed.

A Bill *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Fry*, Mr *Fairfax*, Mr *Robert Jones*, Mr *Weſt*, and Mr Attorney.

A Bill, *To explain an Act, intituled, an Act for regulating Ordinaries and Reſtraint of Tipling-Houſes*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Johnſon*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Martin*, and Mr *Whiting*.

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Mr *Whiting* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill for docking the Intail of a Tract of Land in the Pariſh of *Abingdon* in the County of *Glouceſter*, whereof *Lawrence Smith* Gent. is ſeized and ſettling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value to the ſame Uſes; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Robert Carter* of the County of *Cumberland*, ſetting forth that he was obliged by a Recognizance enter'd into the Court of the ſaid County to appear as a Witneſs for the King, againſt *Chriſtopher Bettis* a Criminal now in the Public Goal, and that he did attend one day, but thro' Ignorance thought he ought not to enter his attendance, as the Priſoner was not tryed, and praying that he may be allowed his Attendance and Travelling, in the ſame Manner as other Witneſſes on the like Occaſion, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make the ſame Allowance in the Book of Claims to the ſaid *Robert Carter*, as is by Law provided for Witneſſes attending the General Court.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, November 27th, 1753.

MR *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

SIR,

WE his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, being now met in General Aſſembly, being well aſſured from your Honour's repeated Declarations, that you are deſirous to make the Laws and Cuſtoms of *Virginia* the Rule of your Adminiſtration; yet finding from the Repreſentations of ſeveral Inhabitants of this Colony, that an extraordinary Fee of a Piſtole, for ſigning every Patent for Land, and the Uſe of the Seal, is demanded by the Clerks in the Secretary's Office, to countenance which your Honous's Name is made Uſe of. We conceive ourſelves bound in Duty, as well to your Honour, as in Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in us by our Country, humbly to lay the ſame before your Honour, and to deſire that you will inform us whether this Demand is made by your Directions; and if it is, that then your Honour will be pleaſed to acquaint us with the Authority that impowers you to demand the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and preſented by the Speaker, and the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame, do wait on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhall attend his Honour to preſent it,

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for further continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Lomax*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Bolling* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, 'till *Monday* next.

Mr Attorney, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Mr *Charles Carter*, reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, waited on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhall attend him with their

their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he would receive it at his own Houſe, To-morrow at 12 o'Clock.

The Houſe proceeded to the further Conſideration of the Report from the Committee
44 of Claims, made on *Monday* the 19th Inſtant, and the ſame was read, and Part thereof agreed to, with an Amendment to one of the Reſolutions, by the Houſe, as follows,

On Conſideration of a Claim of *John Walker*, Proprietor of the Warehouſes eſtabliſhed at *Hog-Neck*, in the County of *James*-City.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid *John Walker*, ought to be allowed the Sum of 10£. for building a Wharf at the ſaid Warehouſes, the Rent not being ſufficient to reimburſe him the Charge thereof.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *John Warren*, *John Brett*, *James Ridley*, *Henry Perſon*, *William Taylor*, and *Barnaby Bailey*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that they ought to be allowed for the Tobacco in their Petition mentioned, at the Rate of 14 *s. per* Hundred, in Manner following, *to wit*, the ſaid *John Warren*, for 1176; the ſaid *John Brett*; for 1058; the ſaid *James Ridley*, for 1030; the ſaid *Henry Perſon*, for 2100; the ſaid *William Taylor*, for 1200, and the ſaid *Barnaby Bailey*, for 1030 Pounds; amounting in the whole, to the Sum of 53£. 3 *s.* 2 *d.*

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Margaret Holder*, and *James Griffing*, late Proprietor of the Warehouſes at *Hobb*'s-Hole.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That they ought to be allowed the Sum of 15£. for building a Wharf at the ſaid Warehouſes the Rents not being ſufficient to reimburſe them the Charge thereof.

On Conſideration of the Petition of the Juſtices of the County of *Charles* City.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That they ought to be allowed the Sum of 39£. for building the Wharf in their Petition mentioned, the Rents of the Warehouſes not being ſufficient to reimburſe them the Charge thereof.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Thomas Penman* Keeper of the Public Goal.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That he ought to be allowed the additional Sum of 15£. to be paid every Year, over and above his uſual Salary of 25£.

Reſolved, That he ought to be allowed the Sum of 11£. 5 *s.* for his additional Salary from the third Day of *January* laſt paſt, to the third of this Inſtant.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Fees ſettled by Law, for keeping and providing for Criminals in the public Goal of this Colony, are not ſufficient.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That there ought to be allowed to the Keeper of the Public Goal, Ten Pounds of Tobacco, *per* Day, for every Criminal committed to the ſaid Goal, during ſuch Criminal's Impriſonment; from this Time, to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *William Bruce*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That he ought to be allowed 540 Pounds of Tobacco to be paid him by the Public.

45 The firſt and ſecond Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The third Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Negative.

The fourth Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The fifth Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Negative.

Then

Then all the other Reſolutions were read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being ſeverally put, That the Houſe agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make the ſeveral Allowances in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the Reſolutions agreed to by the Houſe.

The Houſe alſo proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report from the ſaid Committee, made on *Saturday* laſt, and the ſame being read, Part thereof was agreed to by the Houſe.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *John Holt*, and *Elizabeth Broadnax*, praying that they may be allowed, the ſaid *John Holt* for one, and the ſaid *Elizabeth Broadnax*, for four Hogſheads of Tobacco which were burnt in the public Warehouſes at *Kennon*'s; and alſo a Memorial from the Inſpectors, of all the Tobacco burnt in the ſaid Warehouſes.

Reſolved, That it appears to this Committee, that there was Tobacco hung in the ſaid Warehouſe, belonging to *Richard Kennon*, Gent. the Proprietor thereof, almoſt cured, That ſome Negroes belonging to the ſaid *Kennon*, being at Work in the ſaid Houſe, (though it does not appear by whoſe Orders) on a rainy Day made a ſmall Fire in the ſaid Houſe; that one of the Inſpectors of the ſaid Warehouſe, being then at Work in a Houſe near that where the Fire was, went to the Door, but thinking the Fire too ſmall to do any Miſchief, did not give any Orders or Directions about it at that Time, but intended to ſee it put out before he went Home, as he then told the other Inſpector; that while they were thus talking, the Negroes alarmed them, but when they came to the Houſe, the fire had broke thro' the roof, and the Houſe was conſumed thereby, in a very ſhort Time.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſeveral Perſons in the Memorial of the ſaid Inſpectors mentioned (among whom are the Petitioners) ought to [be] allowed for the Tobacco burnt in the ſaid Warehouſe, in Manner following, that is to ſay, the ſeveral Owners of Crop-Tobacco, at the Rate of 15 *s.* *per* Hundred, and the ſeveral Owners of Transfer Tobacco, at the Rate of 13 *s.* 6 *s.* [*d.*] *per* Hundred.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Miles Cary*, ſetting forth, That a Negroe of his, ſome Time in *May* laſt, broke open a Store-houſe of his, and committed other Crimes, and to avoid Puniſhment abſconded, that he procured him to be outlawed, ſome Time after which he drowned himſelf, and praying to be allowed for him.

Reſolved, That it appears to this Committee, that the ſaid Slave ran away, and 46
whilſt he lay out doing Miſchief, was outlawed according to Law; that the Petitioner employed ſome *Indians* to go in ſearch of the ſaid Slave, who afterwards drowned himſelf; and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 50£. for the ſaid Slave, to be paid by the Public.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Joſeph Haile*, praying to be allowed for a Negroe who hanged himſelf, having firſt committed Murder on another Negroe.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Petition be rejected, the Allegations thereof, not being ſufficiently proved.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *William Hunter*, ſetting forth, That after compleating the Body of the Laws of this Colony, agreeable to his Contract with the Executors of *William Parks*, deceaſed, by the Directions of the Honourable the Speaker, he printed 500 Copies of twenty Laws, which became then in Force by his Majeſty's Repeal of ſundry Acts made in the Year 1748, and praying ſuch Allowance for the ſame, as ſhall be thought reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that he ought to be allowed the Sum of 60£. by the Public.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *James Crain*, ſetting forth, That he expended 25£. beſides his Loſs of Time, in purſuing and apprehending upon a Hue and Cry, *John Oyles* and *Thomas Green*, who were ſeverally tried at the General Court, and convicted of Felony, and praying that he may be reimburſed the Money ſo by him expended, and ſuch

ſuch Allowance for his Trouble and Loſs of Time, as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That he ought to be allowed the Sum of 20£. to be paid by the Public, as a Reward for the Services in his Petition mentioned.

On Conſideration of ſundry Accounts of *John Wheately*, for Lodging and Dieting the tributary *Indians*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That he ought to be paid the Sum of 49£. 6 *s*. 1½ *d*. for Dieting and Lodging the ſeveral *Indians* in the ſaid Account mentioned, by the Public.

The two firſt Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The third Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Negative.

Then the other Reſolutions were read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being ſeverally put, That the Houſe do agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make the ſeveral Allowances in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the Reſolutions agreed to by the Houſe.

The Houſe alſo proceeded to the Conſideration of Part of the Report from the Com-
47 mittee of Propoſitions and Grievances, made on *Monday* the 19th, Inſtant and the ſame was read, and Part thereof agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Elizabeth*-City, for impowering Perſons to ſell and convey 200 Acres of Land in that County, with the Appurtenances deviſed by the Will of one *Benjamin Sym*, for a free School, and other Charitable Uſes, (reſerving one Acre thereof for a School-houſe,) if the ſame can be ſold for 1000 £. or upwards, and veſting the Purchaſe-Money, in Truſtees, for the Uſes mentioned in the ſaid Will, is reasonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Elizabeth*-City, for veſting 200 Acres of Land in that County, with the Appurtenances, deviſed by the Will of one *Benjamin Sym*, for a free School, and other charitable Uſes, in Truſtees to thoſe Uſes, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Elizabeth*-City, for impowering the Juſtices of the Peace of that County, and the Miniſter, and Churchwardens, of the Pariſh of *Elizabeth*-City, in the ſaid County, to ſue for, and recover againſt the Repreſentative of *Merriot Swiney*, deceaſed, the Arrears of Rent due from him, for the Occupation of 200 Acres of Land in the ſaid County, deviſed by the Will of one *Benjamin Sym*, for a free School, and other charitable Uſes; and Damages for not making Repairs on the ſaid Land, according to his Agreement with the ſaid Juſtices, Miniſter, and Churchwardens, is reaſonable.

The firſt Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Elizabeth*-City, for impowering Perſons to ſell and convey 200 Acres of Land, in that County, with the Appurtenances, deviſed by the Will of one *Benjamin Sym*, for a free School, and other charitable Uſes, (reſerving one Acre thereof for a School-houſe) if the ſame can be ſold for 1000£. or upwards, and veſting the Purchaſe Money in Truſtees for the Uſes declared in the ſaid Will, be rejected.

The ſecond Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put That the Houſe do agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Elizabeth*-City, for veſting 200 Acres of Land, in that County, with the Appurtenances, deviſed by the Will of one *Benjamin Sym* for a free School, and other charitable Uſes, in Truſtees to thoſe Uſes, is reaſonable.

Then

Then the third Reſolution was read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Members of *York*, *Elizabeth*-City, and *Warwick* Counties, do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution, as agreed to by the Houſe, and that they do receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the third Reſolution.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

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That they have agreed to the Amendments by this Houſe propoſed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for better Government of Servants and Slaves*.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Act, intituled, an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, for the Term therein mentioned*.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for further continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, without any Amendment.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take under their further Conſideration the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Henrico*, *Cheſterfield*, *Cumberland*, *Albemarle*, *Amelia*, and *Dinwiddie*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take under their further Conſideration the ſaid Petitions, To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off 'til To-morrow.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *King-William*, praying a Stint Law,[1] was offered to the Houſe; and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be received.

Reſolved in the Negative.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, November 28th, 1753.

MR Speaker informed the Houſe, that he was deſired by the Governor to acquaint them, That his Honour would receive their Addreſs in the Council Chamber, as it would be inconvenient for them to go to his Houſe, and that he would ſend a Meſſage to them when he was ready to receive it.

A Claim of *Barret White*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Green*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Garland*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to allow the ſaid Claims in the Book of Claims.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry, *and adding Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle, *to the Pariſh of* Southwark, with an Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Mr *Johnſon*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *To explain an Act, intituled, an Act for regulating Ordinaries, and Reſtraint of Tipling-Houſes*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſome Amendments to the ſaid Bill, which he was directed to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to.

And the Queſtion being put, That the Bill with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

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It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, That his Honour is now ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council-Chamber.

Mr

1. A law limiting the planting of tobacco.

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe went up accordingly, and being returned, reported, That he had, with the Houſe, attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer,

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

THE Welfare and Happineſs of Virginia *I have very much at Heart, and this great Point has been the chief Object of my Attention ever ſince I had the Honour to preſide over this Dominion; I have been influenced by no other Motive, and my Conduct upon all extraordinary Occaſions has been regulated by the Advice of the Council.*

I ſhall always ſhew a juſt Regard for the Sentiments of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, in every Thing that properly lyes before them, and they may remain aſſured, that I ſhall not demand or take any Fee, without proper Authority.

The Piſtole Fee, for Patents of Land, taken at the Secretary's Office, which is the Subject of your Addreſs, is by my Direction.

Agreeable to my Inſtructions, I adviſed with the Council on this Point, who unanimouſly agreed, and adviſed me to take the above Fee, which, together with the Powers I have received from Home, will ſufficiently juſtify my Proceedings herein.

I therefore hope you will think with me, that I have not acted in an arbitrary Manner, but that I am properly inveſted with regular Power and Authority, in demanding the ſmall Fee ſo much complained of.

The Houſe was, according to Order, called over, and the Names of ſuch Members as made Default to appear, were taken down; and the Liſt of Defaulters being called over, Excuſes were made for them, which were allowed.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take under their further Conſideration the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Henrico*, *Cheſterfield*, *Cumberland*, *Albemarle*, *Amelia*, and *Dinwiddie*.

Ordered, That the Governor's Anſwer to the Addreſs of this Houſe, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Petitions, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that they had had under their Conſideration the ſaid Petitions, and the Governor's Anſwer, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Honour the Governor, expreſſing our Concern to find by his Honour's Anſwer to the Addreſs of the Houſe, That the Demand of a Piſtole, as a Fee for the Uſe of the Seal, is made by his Directions; and to acquaint his Honour, that it is the undoubted Right of the Burgeſſes, to inquire into the Grievances of the People, of which we take the above Demand to be one; and at the ſame Time to lay before his Honour, the Terms and Conditions upon which his Majeſty, and his Royal Predeceſſors, have been pleaſed to grant their Lands to the Inhabitants of this Colony; which Terms, we humbly conceive, cannot be altered or infringed by the Advice of the Council; and to deſire his Honour to recede from making any ſuch Demand, as his inſiſting on the ſame, will be an Infringement on the Rights of the People, and a Diſcouragement from taking up Lands, and thereby prevent the ſettling the Frontiers of this Country, and the Increaſe of his Majeſty's Revenue of Quitrents.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to draw up the former Addreſs to the Governor, do prepare and bring in an Addreſs purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

Mr *Carter* alſo informed the Houſe, that the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again, to take under their further Conſideration the ſaid Petitions.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again Reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take under their further Conſideration, the ſaid Petitions, on *Friday* next.

A Petition of *Owen Gwathmey*, and *Henry Gutrey*, Inſpectors at *Aylett*'s Warehouſe, in *King-William* County, praying an Increaſe of their Salary, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Richard Weir*, ſetting forth, That he had two Hogſheads of Tobacco burnt in the Public Warehouſe at *Kennon*'s, which are not mentioned in the Memorial of the Inſpectors, as appears by the ſaid Memorial; and praying that he may be allowed for the ſame, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Charles Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For dividing the County of* Lunenburg; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

And then the Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendment propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Surry, *and adding Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle, *to the Pariſh of* Southwark, and the ſame was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Waller*, do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe has agreed to the Amendment propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco,* 51
and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

A Bill, *For docking the Intail of a Tract of Land, in the Pariſh of* Abingdon, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *whereof* Lawrence Smith, *is ſeiſed, and ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Page*, Mr *Curtis*, and Mr *Moore*.

Mr *Whiting*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, November 28th, (sic) 1753.

A PETITION of *William Byrd*, Eſquire, praying to be allowed for a Negroe, that was burnt in the Goal of *Prince-George* County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

And the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid petition be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr *Waller*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For docking the Intail of certain Lands, in the County of* Middleſex, *and veſting the ſame in* Robert Chew, *in Fee-ſimple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had examined into the Allegations of the ſaid Bill, and found them to be true, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Petition of the Inſpectors at *Frederickſburg* and *Royſton*'s, praying an Increaſe of their Salary, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Houſe being informed that *John Doncaſtle* had treated a Member of this Houſe with very abuſive Language, and threatened to deny him any Entertainment if he ever came to his Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *John Doncaſtle*, in ſo doing, is guilty of a Breach of the Privileges of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *John Doncaſtle*, be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

A Claim of *William Hunter*, Aſſignee of *John Bearding*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe, and received.

52 *Ordered*, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to allow the ſaid Claim in the Book of Claims.

A Petition of *Nathaniel Harriſon*, ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, ſome Time in *February* laſt, had a Negroe convicted of Felony, and ſentenced to be hang'd, and valued at 75£. that before the Day appointed for his Execution, the ſaid Negro made his Eſcape out of Goal, and praying to be allowed for him, was offered to the Houſe, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be received,

Reſolved in the Negative.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to, with ſome Amendments, and is as follows,

SIR,

WE his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, now met in General Aſſembly, are under the deepeſt Concern, to find by your Honour's Anſwer to our Addreſs, that the Demand of a Piſtole, as a Fee for the Uſe of the Public Seal, is made by your Direction; and that we are under a Neceſſity of making Application again to your Honour on that Occaſion.

We do humbly, but in the ſtrongeſt Terms, repreſent to your Honour, that it is the undoubted Right of the Burgeſſes to enquire into the Grievances of the People: They have conſtantly exerciſed this Right, and we preſume to affirm, that the drawing it into Queſtion, in any Manner, cannot but be of dangerous Conſequence to the Liberties of his Majeſty's faithful Subjects, and to the Conſtitution of this Government.

The Rights of the Subject are ſo ſecured by Law, that they cannot be deprived of the leaſt Part of their Property, but by their own Conſent: Upon this excellent Principle is our Conſtitution founded, and ever ſince this Colony has had the Happineſs of being under the immediate Protection of the Crown, the Royal Declarations have been, "That no Man's Life, Member, Freehold or Goods, be taken away or harmed, but by eſtabliſhed and known Laws."

But the Demand of a Piſtole, as a Fee for the Uſe of the Public Seal, being not warranted by any known and eſtabliſhed Law, is, we humbly conceive, an Infringement of the Rights of the People, and a Greivance highly to be complained of.

And that we may vindicate the Legality and dutiful Manner of our Proceedings, we beg Leave to acquaint your Honour, that upon the firſt Plantation of this Colony, under the Government of the Treaſurer and Company of Adventurers, it was by them ordained, that Fifty Acres of Land, ſhould be granted for every Perſon imported into this Colony, without any other Fee or Conſideration than the annual Rent of one Shilling: And after the Diſſolution of the Company, his Majeſty, King *Charles* the Second, was pleaſed, by his Royal Charter, under the Great Seal of *England*, to ordain that Lands ſhould be granted to the Subjects here, upon the ſame Terms as had been eſtabliſhed by the Com-
53 pany; and to authenticate the Patents for ſuch Lands, the Public Seal was conſtantly affixed thereto, without Fee or Reward, until the Year One Thouſand Six Hundred and Eighty Five; when Lord *Howard* of *Effingham*, then Governor, demanded a Fee for the Uſe

Uſe of the Seal; which, upon the Repreſantation [*ſic*] of the Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, was, by his Majeſty King *William* of glorious Memory, in his Privy-Council, the Ninth Day of *September*, One Thouſand Six Hundred and Eighty Nine, declared to be uneaſy and burthenſome to the Colony, and ordered to be diſcontinued, ſince which no Fee has been demanded from the Subjects for affixing the Seal to Patents for Lands, but thoſe given to the Secretary by the Eſtabliſhed Laws of this Colony.

Theſe being the Terms and Conditions upon which his Majeſty, and his Royal Predeceſſors have been graciously pleaſed to grant their Lands to the Inhabitants of this Colony, we humbly conceive they cannot be altered by the Advice of the Council; and as your Honour's inſiſting on the ſame, will, in our humble Opinion, be an Infringement of the Rights of the People, a great Diſcouragement to the ſettling the Frontiers of this Colony, and a Prejudice to his Majeſty's Revenue of Quitrents, we think it our indiſpenſible Duty to deſire that your Honour will recede from your Demand.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame, do wait on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhall attend his Honour to preſent it,

A Member returned upon a new writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oaths of Abjuration, and ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Whiting*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For docking the Intail of a Tract of Land, in the Pariſh of* Abingdon, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *whereof* Lawrence Smith, *Gent. is ſeiſed, and ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*; was committed, reported, That the Committee had examined into the Allegations of the ſaid Bill, and found them to be true, and had made an Amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment, in at the Table, where the Amendment was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and are as follows,

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Elizabeth Dawſon*, Widow, praying to be allowed 54
for two Wharfs built at the Brick Houſe in *New-Kent* County, the Rents of the Warehouſes eſtabliſhed there not being ſufficient to reimburſe her the Charge thereof;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that the ſaid *Elizabeth Dawſon* ought to be allowed the Sum of forty five Pounds for building the Wharfs in her Petition mentioned, the Rents of the ſaid Warehouſes not bing ſufficient to reimburſe her the Charge of building the ſame.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Thomas Anderſon*, and *William Overton*, ſetting forth, That this Houſe did, at the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, from the Increaſe of Buſineſs at *Page*'s Warehouſes, in the County of *Hanover*, make an Allowance of 30£. to *David Richardſon*, one of the Inſpectors of the ſaid Warehouſes, as an Addition of 10£. *per Annum*, to his Salary, for three Years; and an Allowance of 15£. to *John Dabney* the other Inſpector, as an Addition of 10£. *per Annum*, to his Salary for one Year and an Half: That the Petitioner *William Overton* ſerved one, and *Thomas Anderſon* ſerved two of the ſaid three Years, for which the ſaid *David Richardſon*, was allowed the ſaid 30£. and *John Dabney*

Dabney the ſaid 15£. That the ſaid *David Richardſon*, and *John Dabney* refuſe to allow the Petitioners, or either of them, any Part of the Money, ſo allowed to them, and praying that this Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration, and allow to each of the Petitioners, ſuch Proportion of the ſaid Sums of 30£. and 15£. as they ſhall think fit.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that the ſaid *David Richardſon*, ought to refund and pay to the ſaid *Thomas Anderſon*, the Sum of 15£. and the ſaid *John Dabney* ought to refund and pay to the ſaid *William Overton*, the Sum of 7£. 10 *s.* being a proportionable Part of the Sums reſpectively received by the ſaid *David Richardſon* and *John Dabney*, of the Treaſurer of this Colony, and due to the ſaid *Thomas Anderſon*, and *William Overton*, for the Time they ſerved as Inſpectors at the ſaid Warehouſes, in equal Proportions with the ſaid *David Richardſon* and *John Dabney*, for the Time they each of them reſpectively ſerved at the ſaid Warehouſes.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Arthur Applewhaite*, alſo the Claims of *Iſaac Maſon*, and *Richard Kirby, junior*, praying to be allowed each of them for a Hogſhead of Tobacco, burnt in the public Warehouſe at *Smithfield*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid *Arthur Applewhaite*, *Iſaac Maſon*, and *Richard Kirby*, ought to be allowed for their Tobacco in Manner following, that is to ſay, he the ſaid *Arthur Applewhaite*, for 1000 Pounds; the ſaid *Iſaac Maſon*, for 1100 Pounds, and the ſaid *Richard Kirby*, for 950 Pounds of Tobacco, at the Rate of fourteen Shillings *per* Hundred, to be paid by the Public.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſeveral Petitions of *George Purcelly*, *Robert Blaws*, and *Anne Harriſon*, referred from the laſt, to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and now by the Houſe to this Committee, ought to be further referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, the Petitioners not appearing to make out the Allegations of their Petitions.

55 On Conſideration of the Petition of *Richard Weir*, praying to be allowed for two Hogſheads of Tobacco burnt in the Public Warehouſe at *Kennon*'s, and not mentioned in the Memorial of the Inſpectors of the ſaid Warehouſe.

Reſolved, That it appears to this Committee, that the ſaid two Hogſheads of Tobacco are not mentioned in the ſaid Memorial, and that the ſaid *Richard Weir* ought to be paid for the ſame, at the Rate of 15 *s. per* Hundred.

The firſt Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report, as to the other Reſolutions, do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

A Bill *For adding Part of the County of* Auguſta *to the County of* Frederick *and for dividing the County of* Frederick, *and the Part of* Auguſta *to be added thereto, into two Counties*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to M^r *Charles Carter*, and the Members of *Frederick* County.

A Bill *For dividing the County of* Lunenburg; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to M^r *Read*, M^r *Robert Jones*, M^r *Randolph*, M^r *Payne*, M^r *Howard*, and M^r *Fry*.

An Account of *Kenneth MacKenzie* againſt the Public, for Attendance on an *Indian*, by his Honour the Governor's Direction, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine the Articles thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday,

Friday, November 30th, 1753.

THE Houſe according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon the Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the ſaid Bill, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to conſider further the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

Mr *Charles Carter*, reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, waited on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he would acquaint them by a Meſſage 56
when he was ready to receive the ſame.

A Petition of *John Doncaſtle*, ſetting forth, That he having unhappily fallen under the Diſpleaſure of this Houſe, immediately ſurrendered himſelf into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant; that he is under the greateſt Concern for the Offence given to Mr *Carter Burwell*, one of the Members of this Houſe, which proceeded from a Temper of Mind his ill State of Health had thrown him into, and not from any premeditated Deſign; and praying to be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, humbly aſking Pardon for his Offence.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed, had according to Order, prepared a Bill *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for the better Regulation of the Militia*; which he delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Hanover*, below *Aſiſquen* Run, praying that all that Part of the ſaid County, which lies below the ſaid Run, may be joined to the County of *New-Kent*.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *New-Kent*, to the ſame Purpoſe.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Hanover*, below the ſaid Run, in oppoſition to the ſaid Petitions, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take under their further Conſideration the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Henrico, Cheſterfield, Cumberland, Albemarle, Amelia*, and *Dinwiddie*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to conſider further the ſaid Petitions, To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, December 1ſt, 1753.

A PETITION of *Francis Whiting*, Guardian of *John* and *Mary Whiting*, Orphans of *Francis Whiting*, deceaſed, ſetting forth, That a Negroe Man Slave belonging to the ſaid Orphans, being run away, was in due Form of Law outlawed, after which ſome Perſons being in purſuit of him, in Order to apprehend him, he ran into a Creek, and was drowned, and praying Relief, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine

examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion therepon, to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, with an Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

57 Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to withdraw the Petition of the Inſpectors at *Frederickſburg* and *Royſton*'s, praying an Increaſe of their Salary, which was ordered to lie on the Table.

Reſolved, That an Allowance be made of 10£. to *Fouſhee Tabbs*, and 5£. to *Richard Kenner*, Inſpectors at *Quantico* Warehouſes, for the laſt Year.

Alſo the Sum of 5£. to each of the Inſpectors at *Aylet*'s for the two laſt Years.

Alſo the Sum of 10£. to each of the Inſpectors at *Oſborne*'s, for the two laſt Years.

Alſo the Sum of 5£. to each of the Inſpectors at *Warwick*, for the two laſt Years.

Alſo the Sum of 5£. to each of the Inſpectors at *Roy*'s for the laſt Year.

Alſo the Sum of 5£. to each of the Inſpectors at *Crutchfield*'s and *Page*'s for the two laſt Years.

Alſo the Sum of 5£. to each of the Inſpectors at *Fredericksburg*; for the laſt Year they have reſpectively ſerved at the ſaid Warehouſes.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make the ſaid Allowances in the Book of Claims.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Petition of *John Doncaſtle*, which was ordered to lie on the Table Yeſterday, and Mr *Burwell* having informed the Houſe, that the ſaid *John Doncaſtle* had made a Submiſſion to his Satiſfaction.

Ordered, That he be diſcharged out of Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, paying Fees.

Mr *Carter Burwell*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Writ for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Accomack*, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Return of the ſaid Writ is made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of that Part of the Report from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, made on *Tueſday* laſt, which was ordered to lie on the Table, and the ſame being read, Part thereof was agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments, as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Caroline*, for eſtabliſhing a public Warehouſe for the Inſpection of Tobacco, on the Land of Colonel *Benjamin Robinſon*, in the ſaid County, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *James Jameſon*, and *John Evans* Inſpectors at *Roy*'s Warehouſe, in the County of *Caroline*, praying that their Salary may be increaſed, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *Godfrey Ragſdale*, and *Field Archer*, Inſpectors at *Bolling*'s Warehouſe, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, praying that their Salary may be increaſed, be rejected.

58 *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *William Moſeley*, and *John Oſborne*, Inſpectors at *Oſborne*'s Warehouſe, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, praying that their Salary may be increaſed, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *Richard Sanford*, and *Robert Sanford*, Inſpectors at *Hunting*-Creek Warehouſe, in the County of *Fairfax*, praying that their Salary may be increaſed, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *Fouſhee Tabbs*, and *Richard Kennor* [*ſic*], Inſpectors at *Quantico* Warehouſe, in the County of *Prince-William*, praying that their Salary may be increaſed, be rejected.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *John Rowzee* and *Daniel Gaines*, Inſpectors at *Layton*'s and *Occupatia* Warehouſes, in the County of *Eſſex*, praying that their Salary may be increaſed, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *Edward Oſborne*, in Behalf of himſelf, and *Ann* and *Lucy Kennon*, Orphans of *Iſham Kennon* deceaſed, who are Proprietors of the Public Warehouſes at *Bermuda*-Hundred, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, praying that the Rents of the ſaid Warehouſes may be increaſed, be rejected.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *John Eppes*, and *James Thweat*, Inſpectors at *Bolling*'s Point Warehouſe, in the County of *Prince-George*, ſetting forth, That ſince the laſt General Aſſembly, when their Salary was increaſed to fifty Pounds, almoſt 3500 Hogſheads of Tobacco, had been brought annually to the ſaid Warehouſe; and praying an Allowance to be made them for their Services ſince the laſt General Aſſembly, and that their Salary may be increaſed for the Time to come.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the ſaid Petition, as relates to making an Allowance to the Petitioners, for their Services ſince the laſt General Aſſembly, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That 30*£*. to each of the Petitioners for their Services ſince the laſt General of [*ſic*] Aſſembly, is a reaſonable Allowance.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the ſaid Petition as relates to increaſing the Salary, of the ſaid Inſpectors, for the Time to come, be rejected.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *John Pleaſants* and *Charles Woodſon*, Proprietors of the Warehouſes at *Four-Mile*-Creek, in the County of *Henrico*, praying that they may be allowed Rents for the ſaid Warehouſes.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of 5*£*. *per Annum*, to each of the ſaid Petitioners, is a reasonable Rent for the ſaid Warehouſes.

On Conſideration of the Inſpectors at *Gibſon*'s, *Bray*'s, *Morton*'s, *Falmouth*, and *Dixon*'s Warehouſes in the County of *King George*, and at *Roy's* in the County of *Caro-* 59
line, praying that in Caſes where Perſons intitled to receive Tobacco, by Virtue of Inſpectors Notes and Receipts, and refuſing to accept the Tobacco tendered in Payment, and applying to Juſtices, according to Law, to view and examine the ſame; ſuch Juſtices, if they adjudge Part of the Tobacco ſo tendered in Payment, to be bad, unſound, and unmerchantable, may have Power to ſuffer the Inſpectors, who paſſed the ſaid Tobaco, to pick the ſame, and ſeparate the bad from the good; and further praying that ſome Time may be limited, in which ſuch Juſtices ſo applied to, ſhall view and examine any Tobacco tendered in Payment, and refuſed by the Perſon intitled thereto.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Juſtices to whom application ſhall be made, to view and examine any Tobacco tendered in Payment, and refuſed by the Perſon intituled thereto, ought to view and examine ſuch Tobacco, within eighteen Months from the Time the ſame Tobacco ſhall have been paſſed by the Inſpectors, and not after.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *George Brett*, for keeping a public Ferry from his Land, on the upper Side of *Quantico* Creek, in the County of *Prince-William*, over *Patowmack* River to *Maryland*, be rejected,

The thirteen firſt Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The fourteenth Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inſpectors at *Gibſon*'s, *Bray*'s, *Morton*'s, and *Dixon*'s Warehouſes, in the County of *King-George*, and at *Roy*'s in the County of *Caroline*, praying that in Caſes where Perſons entitled to receive Tobacco, by Virtue of Inſpectors Notes or Receipts, and refuſing to accept the Tobacco tendered in Payment, and applying to Juſtices according to Law, to view and examine the ſame; ſuch Juſtice, if they adjudge Part of the Tobacco ſo tendered in Payment, to be bad, unſound, and unmerchantable, may have Power to ſuffer the Inſpectors who paſſed the ſaid Tobacco, to pick the ſame, and separate the bad from the good, be rejected.

The two laſt Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, is committed, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the thirteenth Reſolution.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the tenth Reſolution.

The Houſe alſo proceeded to the Conſideration of that Part of the Report of the
60 ſaid Committee, made on *Tueſday November* 20th, which was ordered to lie on the Table, and the ſame was read, and Part thereof agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Weſtmoreland*, for diſcontinuing the public Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco on *Mattox*-Creek, in that County, and eſtabliſhing other Warehouſes on the ſaid Creek, on the Lands of *William Price*, or the Orphan of *John Watts*, deceaſed, are reaſonable.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Matthew Ligon*, and *John Knibb*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Bermuda* Hundred, in the County of *Chefterfield*, praying that their Salary, which is 20£. *per Annum*, may be increaſed.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That 5£. to each of the ſaid Inſpectors, is a reaſonable Increaſe of their ſaid Salary.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Archibald Ritchie* Proprietor of the public Warehouſes, for the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Hobbs*'s Hole, in the County of *Eſſex*, ſetting forth, That in the Year 1752, he purchaſed the ſaid Warehouſes, with about 18 Acres of Land thereto adjoining, for 215£. and had ſince expended, in repairing the Wharf thereto belonging, 5£. and in building a new Warehouſe, and repairing the others, 100£. more, That no more than 400, or 450 Hogſheads of Tobacco, are annually inſpected at the ſaid Warehouſe, ſo that the Rents thereof do not amount to more than 14 or 15£. which Sum is not ſufficient to reimburſe him his Expences, and further ſetting forth, that he is obliged to provide more Houſe-Room than is neceſſary for receiving the Tobacco brought to the ſaid Warehouſes to be inſpected, in order to take in Tobacco unladed from Ships, and relanded at the ſaid Warehouſes, of which there are not leſs than 100 Hogſheads annually, and praying that he may be reimburſed his ſaid Expences, in building and repairing, and that the ſame Storage may be paid for Tobacco relanded at the ſaid Warehouſes, as for Tobacco inſpected there.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the ſaid Petition, as relates to reimburſing the Petitioner his Expences, in building and repairing the ſaid Warehouſes and Wharf, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the ſaid Petition as relates to paying the ſame Storage, for Tobacco relanded at the ſaid Warehouſes, as for Tobacco inſpected there, be rejected.

The firſt Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

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The ſecond and third Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Matthew Ligon*, and *John Knibb* Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Bermuda* Hundred, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, praying that their Salary, which is 20*£*. *per Annum*, may be increaſed, be rejected.

The fourth Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the Petition of *Archibald Ritchie*, Proprietor of the Public 61
Warehouſes at *Hobb*'s-Hole in the County of *Eſſex*, as relates to reimburſing the Petitioner his Expences in building a Wharf at the ſaid Warehouſes, is reaſonable.

The laſt Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe do agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the Petition of the ſaid *Archibald Ritchie*, as relates to paying the ſame Storage for Tobacco relanded at the ſaid Warehouſes, as for Tobacco inſpected there, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, of 5*£*. to *Archibald Ritchie*, Proprietor of the public Warehouſes at *Hobbs*'s-Hole, for his Expences in building a Wharf at the ſaid Warehouſes.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom the Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms, is committed*, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the laſt Reſolution, as agreed to by the Houſe.

The Houſe alſo proceeded to the Conſideration of that Part of the Report, of the ſaid Committee, made on *Friday November* 23d, which was ordered to lie on the Table, and the ſame was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the Counties of *Iſle of Wight* and *Southampton*, for diſcontinuing the Public Warehouſes, for the Inſpection of Tobacco on *Smith*'s Land, on the Eaſt Side of *Pagan*-Creek, in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the Counties of *Iſle of Wight* and *Southampton*, for erecting public Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Fulgam*'s-Point, oppoſite to thoſe in *Smithfield*, in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, is committed, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee of Claims, made on *Thurſday* laſt, which was referred to be conſidered this Day, be further referred till *Monday* next.

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe on *Tueſday* next.

A Claim of *Jediah Mitchell*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claim, in the Book of Claims.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will receive no Petitions after *Tueſday* next.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendment propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, and the ſame was read, and agreed to by the Houſe,

Ordered, That M*r* *Charles Carter*, do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and 62
acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendment by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Robert Jones*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, 'till *Tueſday* Se'ennight.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of *James Skelton*, to them referred, praying that he may have a further Allowance for rebuilding the *Capitol*, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petitioner ought to be allowed the further Sum of 500*£*. for rebuilding the *Capitol*; but that 200*£*. Part thereof, be not paid until the ſaid Rebuilding be compleated.

Ordered, That Mr *Carter Burwell*, do carry the ſaid Reſolve to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, an Account of Doctor *Kenneth Mackenzie*, to them referred, for Attendance on a *Nottoway* Indian, by Order of his Honour the Governor, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That he ought to be paid the Sum of 4*£*. 14 *s*. by the Public.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to Reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, on *Monday* next.

The Order of the Day being alſo read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take under their further Conſideration the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Henrico*, *Cheſterfield*, *Cumberland*, *Albemarle*, *Amelia*, and *Dinwiddie*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to conſider further the ſaid Petitions, on *Monday* next.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the Propoſition from the County of *James-City*, for adding that Part of the ſaid County of *James-City*, above the Mill, commonly called *Cowles*, to the County of *New-Kent*, and that Part of the ſaid County of *New-Kent*, commonly called *Hickory-Neck*, and *Ware*-Creek, to the ſaid County of *James-City*; and had alſo had under their Conſideration, divers Propoſitions from
63 the Counties of *Hanover* and *New-Kent*, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That ſo much of the ſaid County of *James City*, as lies on the upper Side of the Bounds herein after mentioned, (that is to ſay) beginning at the Mouth of *Diaſcun Run* on *Chickahominy*-River, thence up the ſaid Creek to the Mouth of *John Blair* Eſq; his Mill-Swamp, thence up the ſaid Swamp to the Mill, thence up the Mill-Pond, to the Head thereof, thence up the Water Courſe to a marked Red Oak at *Iſaac Godwin's* Spring near his Houſe, thence Eaſtwardly to a marked Perſimon, at the Head of a Branch near the main Road on the lower Side of *Godwin*'s Houſe, thence down the ſaid Branch to *Dangerfield*'s Mill, and thence down the Mill-Creek, to *York* River, be added to the County of *New-Kent*, and that all that Part of the County of *New-Kent*, on the lower Side of the ſaid Bounds, be added to the County of *James-City*.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions for adding that Part of the ſaid County of *Hanover*, which lies below *Affiſquen* Run, to the ſaid County of *New-Kent*, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion, of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Hanover*, in Oppoſition to the Propoſitions for adding that Part of the ſaid County of *Hanover*, which lies below *Affiſquen* Run, to the County of *New-Kent*, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, purſuant to the two firſt Reſolutions.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, December 3d, 1753.

MR *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For paying the Miniſter of the Pariſh of* Frederick, *in the County of* Frederick, *100* l. *annually, inſtead, of the Salary now allowed*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Alſo a Bill, *For adding Part of the County of* New-Kent, *to the County of* James-City, *and Part of the Counties of* James-City *and* Hanover, *to the County of* New-Kent; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Carter*, alſo reported, That the Committee to whom the Bill, *For adding Part of the County of* Auguſta *to the County of* Frederick *and for dividing the County of* Frederick, *and the Part of* Auguſta *to be added thereto, into two Counties*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of the Houſe, 64
the remaining Part of the Seſſion.

A Bill *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for the better Regulation of the Militia*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr Attorney, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *To impower* John Armiſtead, *Gent. to ſell and diſpoſe of certain intailed Lands, to raiſe Money for the Performance of his Father's Will*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* Middleſex, *and veſting the ſame in* Robert Chew, *in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Waller*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Two Members returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and took and ſubſcribed the Oaths of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe, be returned to the Reverend Mr *William Yates*, for his excellent Sermon preached Yeſterday, before them, and that Mr *Wilſon* and Mr *Carter*, do wait on him for that Purpoſe.

Mr *Reade*, from the Committee to whom the Bill *For dividing the County of* Lunenburg, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made an Amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for docking the Intail of a Tract of Land, in the Pariſh of* Abingdon, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *whereof* Lawrence Smith, Gent. *is ſeiſed, and ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Whiting*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to conſider further of the Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to conſider further the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

65 The Order of the Day being alſo read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to conſider further the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Henrico*, *Cheſterfield*, *Cumberland*, *Albemarle*, *Amelia*, and *Dinwiddie*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to conſider further the ſaid Petitions, To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee of Claims, referred to be conſidered this Day, be put off 'til To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, December 4th, 1753.

A CLAIM of *John Anderſon*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claim, in the Book of Claims.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Hanover*, below *Aſſiſquen* Run, praying that that Part of the ſaid County, below the ſaid Run, may not be added to the County of *New-Kent*, was offered to the Houſe, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be received.

Reſolved in the Negative.

A Petition of Mr *John Bates*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *George Currie*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Halifax*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Fry* from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, a Petition of *Francis Whiting*, Guardian of *John* and *Mary Whiting*, Orphans of *Francis Whiting*, deceaſed, to them referred, ſetting forth, That *Will*, a Negroe Man Slave, belonging to the ſaid Orphans, being run away, and duly outlawed, ran into a Creek and was drowned, in avoiding ſome Perſons that were in purſuit of him, and praying Relief; and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Petition ought to be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, the Witneſſes not appearing to make out the Allegations thereof.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, That his Honour is now ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council-Chamber.

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe went up, and being returned, reported, That he had, with the Houſe, attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and preſented the 66
Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer,

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I am not unacquainted with the juſt Privileges of the Houſe of Burgeſſes; in the Enjoyment of them, they ſhall always have my Protection. My Duty to the King, and my Regard for Liberty, has, and will, on every Occaſion, influence my Conduct.

As I will never injure the one, I cannot ſuffer any Encroachments on the Rights of the other. The Complaints of the People ſhould be heard, and every juſt Grievance redreſſed, but their Complaints ſhould be well grounded, and the Grievances really felt.

The eſtabliſhment of the Fee complained of, relates ſolely to the Diſpoſal of the King's Land, and which, it is conceiv'd, may be deemed a Matter of Favour from the Crown, and not a Matter relative to the Adminiſtration of Government; and the fixing thereof was with ſo much Circumſpection, that it is my care and Concern for the Improvement of his Majeſty's Revenue of Quit-Rents, that prompts me to be more earneſt in adhering to my former Opinion, and inſiſting on that Fee, which is confirmed to me by unqueſtionable Authority.

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That this Houſe have proceeded in the moſt dutiful and juſtifiable Manner, in laying before his Honour the Governor, their Opinion of the Demand which is made of a Piſtole, as a Fee for affixing the public Seal to Patents for Land, and that his Honour's Anſwers to the Addreſſes of this Houſe, relating thereto, are unſatiſfactory and a Means to create Fears and Uneaſineſſes in the Minds of his Majeſty's faithful Subjects.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Demand is illegal and arbitrary, contrary to the Charters of this Colony, to his Majeſty's, and his Royal Predeceſſors Inſtructions to the ſeveral Governors, and the Expreſs Order of his Majeſty King *William* of Glorious Memory, in his Privy-Council, and manifeſtly tends to the ſubverting the Laws and Conſtitution of this Government.

Reſolved, That a moſt dutiful and loyal Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, humbly to repreſent the Demand of a Piſtole, for affixing the Public Seal to Patents for Land, as a great Grievance, a Diſcouragement to the ſettling the Frontiers of this Colony, and a Prejudice to his Majeſty's Revenue of Quit-Rents, and to beſeech his Royal and Paternal Interpoſition, that his faithful Subjects may be relieved from the Payment of this illegal Demand.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to his Majeſty purſuant to the laſt Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Power*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Fry*, Mr *Claiborne*, and Mr *Johnſon*, to prepare and draw up the ſame.

A Petition of *Peter Wagener*, of the County of *Fairfax*, praying that an Act may paſs for eſtabliſhing a Town on his Land on *Occoquan* River, in the ſaid County of *Fairfax*, to begin above the Ferry-Landing, and run down the River to the Line of *Waugh*'s Land, to include 25 Acres, and that the Lots may be veſted in Truſtees, and ſold for the 67
Benefit of the Petitioner, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Henry Robinſon*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of *Charles Turnbull*, ſetting forth, That in the Year 1749, he had 19 Hogſheads of Tobacco damaged in the public Warehouſes at *Hampton*, out of which the Petitioner

titioner ſaved only 16 Hogſheads; that at the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly he was only paid for the damaged Tobacco, without any Allowance for his Trouble and Expences in Travelling twice from *Peterſburg* to *Norfolk*, to have the ſaid Tobacco over-hauled and reprized; which Expences amounted to 14£. 15 *s.* and praying relief therein, was offered to the Houſe, and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be received.

Reſolved in the Negative.

Mr *John Tabb*, reported, That the Perſons appointed had, according to Order, prepared a Bill, *For enabling the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Elizabeth-City, *and the Miniſter and Church-wardens of the Pariſh of* Elizabeth-City, *in that County, to take and hold certain Lands deviſed by the Will of* Benjamin Sym, *for a free School, and other charitable Uſes*; which he delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take under their further Conſideration the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Henrico*, *Cheſterfield*, *Cumberland*, *Albemarle*, *Amelia* and *Dinwiddie*.

Ordered, That the Governor's Anſwer to the Addreſs of this Houſe, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe, reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to conſider further the ſaid Petitions, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Petitions under their further Conſideration, and having gone thro' the ſame, had come to a Reſolution, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That an Agent be appointed to ſollicit the Affairs of this Government, in Support of the Rights and Privileges of the People.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That whoever ſhall hereafter pay a Piſtole, as a Fee to the Governor, for the Uſe of the Seal to Patents for Lands, ſhall be deemed a Betrayer of the Rights and Privileges of the People.

Mr *Carter Burwell*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Writ for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Halifax* and had come to a Reſolution, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

68 *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Return of the ſaid Writ is made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to conſider further the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee of Claims, referred to be conſidered of this Day, be but off till To-morrow.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for adding Part of the County of* Auguſta *to the County of* Frederick *and for dividing the County of* Frederick, *and the Part of* Auguſta *to be added thereto, into two Counties*; was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Fairfax*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Bill, *For adding Part of the County of* New-Kent, *to the County of* James-City, *and Part of the Counties of* James-City *and* Hanover, to the County of *New-Kent*; was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of [*sic*] *Hanover*, *New-Kent*, and *James-City* Counties.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday,

Wedneſday, December 5th, 1753.

THE Houſe was, according to Order called over, and Excuſes made for the abſent Members, which were allowed of.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the King, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and that Mr *Charles Carter*, do carry it to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe deſire they will join with them in the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr *Carter*, alſo reported, That the Perſons appointed, had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the King, on the Subject Matter of the ſeveral Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Henrico*, *Cheſterfield*, *Cumberland*, *Albemarle*, *Amelia*, and *Dinwiddie*, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Secretary's Office, do lay before this Houſe, a Liſt of all Patents that were ready for ſigning, and all Works and Certificates lodged in the ſaid Office, before the 22d Day of April 1752. And alſo a liſt of the Patents which have been made out ready to be ſigned, and the Certificates that have been returned ſince that Time.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reaſons in Support of the Addreſs to his Majeſty, on the Subject Matter of the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Henrico*, *Cheſterfield*, *Cumberland*, *Albemarle*, *Amelia*, and *Dinwiddie*, to be preſented with the Addreſs, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Power*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Fry*, Mr *Claiborne*, Mr *Johnſon*, and Mr Attorney, to draw up the ſame. 69

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* Middleſex, *and veſting the ſame in* Robert Chew, *in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*,

Alſo to the Reſolve for paying *James Skelton*, 500£. for rebuilding the *Capitol*, without any Amendment.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for docking the Intail of a Tract of Land, in the Pariſh of* Abingdon, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *whereof* Lawrence Smith, Gent. *is ſeiſed, and ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*; with an Amendment to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendment, and the ſame was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Whiting*, do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendment by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Perſons to whom the Bill, *For adding Part of the County of* New-Kent, *to the County of* James-City, *and Part of the Counties of* James-City *and* Hanover, *to the County of* New-Kent, is committed, that they receive a Clauſe for altering *Halifax* Court-Day.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions and Petitions to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Halifax*, for allowing the Inhabitants of that County to diſcharge their public Dues and Officers Fees in Money, inſtead of Tobacco, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the Counties of *Halifax* and *Lunenburg*, for erecting a public Warehouſe for the Inſpection of Tobacco, on the Land of *William Byrd*, Eſq; on the North Side of *Staunton* River, be rejected.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Halifax*, for extending the Time limitted for the Cultivation of Lands granted by Patent, and for allowing Improvements made upon them to ſave a larger Quantity than they now do, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Fairfax*, for obliging the Court of that County to go thro' their Docket, four Times in every Year, be rejected.

70 *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Fairfax*, for diſcontinuing all Petitions if not tried within one Year; all Cauſes at Common Law if not tried within two Years, and all Suits in Chancery, if not heard within three Years after the Times of commencing them, reſpectively, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Fairfax*, for obliging Perſons who buy convicted Servants, to enter into Bonds, with Sureties, for the good Behavior of ſuch Servants, before their County Court, to be held next after buying them; and in Caſe of the Buyer's failing to do ſo, for allowing any Perſon to ſue for, and recover ſuch Servants, or the Value of them, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *William Seward*, *Junior*, for Leave to keep a Ferry from his Land on *Hog-Iſland-Main*, over *James*-River, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *John Holt*, for relieving him from maintaining a public Bridge over the Creek dividing *Hog-Iſland*, from the Main Land, at his own Expence, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſiitons and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of that Part of the Report of the Committee of Claims, made on *Thurſday* laſt, and referred to be conſidered this Day, and the ſame was read, and ſome Amendments made thereto, as follows,

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Thomas Anderſon*, and *William Overton*, ſetting forth, That this Houſe did, at the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, from the Increaſe of Buſineſs at *Page*'s Warehouſes, in the County of *Hanover*, make an Allowance of 30£. to *David Richardſon* one of the Inſpectors at the ſaid Warehouſes, as an addition of 10£. *per Annum*, to his Salary for three Years; and an Allowance of 15£. to *John Dabney* the other Inſpector, as an addition of 10£. *per Annum* to his Salary for one Year and a half; That the Petitioner *William Overton* ſerved one, and *Thomas Anderſon* ſerved two of the ſaid three Years, for which the ſaid *David Richardſon* was allowed the ſaid 30£. and *John Dabney* the ſaid 15£. That the ſaid *David Richardſon* and *John Dabney* refuſe to allow the Petitioners or either of them any Part of the Money ſo allowed to them; and praying that this Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration, and allow to each of the Petitioners, ſuch Proportion of the ſaid Sums of 30£. and 15£. as they ſhall think fit.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that the ſaid *David Richardſon* ought to refund and pay to the ſaid *Thomas Anderſon* the Sum of 10£. and the ſaid *John Dabney* ought to refund and pay to the ſaid *William Overton* the Sum of 5£. beng a Proportionable Part of the Sums reſpectively received by the ſaid *David Richardſon* and *John Dabney*, of the Treaſurer of this Colony, and due to the ſaid *Thomas Anderſon*, and *William Overton*, for the Time they ſerved as Inſpectors at the ſaid Warehouſes, in equal Proportion with the ſaid *David Richardſon* and *John Dabney* for the Time they each of them reſpectively ſerved at the ſaid Warehouſes.

71 On Conſideration of the Petition of *Arthur Applewhaite*; alſo the Claims of *Iſaac Maſon*, and *Richard Kirby* junior, praying to be allowed, each of them, for a Hogſhead of Tobacco burnt in the Public Warehouſes at *Smithfield*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee; That the ſaid *Arthur Applewhaite*, *Iſaac Maſon* and *Richard Kirby* ought to be allowed for their Tobacco in Manner following, that is to ſay, the ſaid *Arthur Applewhaite* for 1000 Pounds, the ſaid *Iſaac Maſon*

Maſon for 1000 Pounds, and the ſaid *Richard Kirby*, for 950 Pounds of Tobacco, at the Rate of 14*s. per* Hundred, to be paid by the Public.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petitions of *George Purceley* and *Robert Blaws*, referred from the laſt, to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and now by the Houſe to this Committee, ought to be further referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, the Petitioners not appearing to make out the Allegations of their Petitions.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Richard Weir*, praying to be allowed for two Hogſheads of Tobacco burnt in the Public Warehouſes at *Kennons*, and not mentioned in the Memorial of the Inſpectors of the ſaid Warehouſe.

Reſolved, That it appears to this Committee, That the ſaid two Hogſheads of Tobacco are not mentioned in the ſaid Memorial,

And that the ſaid *Richard Weir* ought to be paid for the ſame at the Rate of 15*s. per* Hundred.

The three firſt Reſolutions were again read, and the Queſtion being put, That the Houſe do agree thereto.

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The laſt Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, a Motion was made that that Part of the ſaid Report be recommitted to the ſaid Committee, and the Queſtion being put thereupon,

It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That that Part of the ſaid Report be recommitted to the ſaid Committee,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Petition of *Anne Harriſon*, referred from the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, to the Conſideration of this, ſetting forth, That her Husband was an inliſted Soldier in the late Expedition againſt the *Spaniards*, and died in the Service, and praying Relief, and the ſame being read, it was thereupon

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, of 10*£*. to the ſaid *Anne Harriſon*.

M*r* *Waller*, from the Committee to whom the Bill *For adding Part of the County of* New-Kent, *to the County of* James City, *and Part of the Counties of* James City, *and* Hanover *to the County of* New-Kent, *was committed, reported*, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then deliver'd the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, 72
to conſider further the Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to conſider further the ſaid Bill, To-morrow,

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, December 6th, 1753.

MR. *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *Richard Weir*, to them referred, praying to be allowed for two Hogſheads of Tobacco burnt in the Public Warehouſe at *Kennon*'s, and not mentioned in the Memorial of the Inſpectors, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it appears to this Committee, That one of the ſaid Hogſheads of Tobacco containing 1153 Pounds nett, was not in the ſaid Warehouſe at the Time it was burnt, but that he ought to be paid for the other Hogſhead containing 766 Pounds nett, at the Rate of 14 *s. per* Hundred.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make the Allowance in the Book of Claims.

A Bill *For enabling the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Elizabeth-City, *and the Miniſter and Church-wardens of the Pariſh of* Elizabeth-City, *in that County, to take and hold certain Lands deviſed by the Will of* Benjamin Sym, *for a free School, and other charitable Uſes*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for eſtabliſhing an Agreement made between *Philip Johnſon*, and *William Armiſtead*, Gentlemen, and it is referred to Mr *Waller* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to conſider further the Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and had gone thro' the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and, with ſome Amendments, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have paſſed a Bill intituled, *An Act, for ſettling certain Differences therein mentioned*, and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time, and order'd to be read a ſecond Time, To-morrow.

73 Mr *Fry*, from the Committee of Claims reported, That the Committee had examined and conſidered all the public Claims which had been laid before them this Seſſion, and had agreed upon a Report, which he had entered in a Book, and he delivered the Book in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon Table.

Mr *Waller* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For eſtabliſhing an Agreement made between* Philip Johnſon, *and* William Armiſtead, *Gentlemen*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the inrolled Bills, of the following Perſons, *viz.* Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Bland*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Read*, Mr *Page*, and Mr *Henry Robinſon*.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, December 7th, 1753.

MR. *Charles Carter* from the Committee to whom the Bill, *To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Gerard Alexander *is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*, was committed; reported, That the Committee had examined into the Allegations of the ſaid Bill, and found them to be true, and that they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Wormeley* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Tueſday* next.

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Mr *Henry Robinſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For erecting a Town on* Occoquan *River, in the County of* Fairfax, *and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.*

A Bill *For eſtabliſhing an Agreement made between* Philip Johnſon, *and* William Armiſtead, *Gentlemen*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Lunenburg, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Read*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for adding Part of the County of* Auguſta *to the County of* Frederick *and for dividing the County of* Frederick, *and the Part of* Auguſta *to be added thereto*, into two *Counties*; with ſome Amendments to which they 74
deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

An Ingroſſed Bill, from the Council, intituled, *An Act for ſettling certain Differences therein mentioned*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe immediately reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be taken into Conſideration on *Tueſday* next, and there be then a Call of the Houſe.

Mr *Carter Burwell*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of Mr *John Bates*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *George Currie*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Halifax*, and had heard as well the Petitioner as the ſitting Member, whereupon it appeared to the Committee, That one *William Dendy*, by a Deed dated in *Auguſt* laſt, and acknowledged by him in the County Court in *September* afterwards; in Conſideratin of 25£. conveyed upwards of 300 Acres of Land, in the ſaid County, together with Goods and Chattels, to Mr *Currie*, in Fee-Simple, and that at the Time of executing the ſaid Conveyance, the ſaid Mr *Currie* agreed, that the ſaid *William Dendy* ſhould retain the Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Lands, Goods, and Chattels, during the Term of three Years, and in Caſe he ſhould pay the ſaid 25£. and the Intereſt thereof, within that Term, the ſaid Mr *Currie* ſhould reconvey to him the ſaid Land, Goods, and Chattels; but it appeared that the ſaid *William Dendy*, at the Time of making the ſaid Conyeyance, was not ſeiſed of any Eſtate, of Freehold, of and in the ſaid Land, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That Mr *George Currie*, is not duly qualified to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Halifax*.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Halifax*, in the Room of the ſaid Mr *George Currie*, and that Mr *Waller*, do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

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Mr *Power*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *To enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Bliſland, *in the Counties of* James-City *and* New-Kent, *to ſell a Plantation and two hundred Acres of Land, in the ſaid Pariſh, and to buy Communion Plate and Ornaments for the Uſe of the lower Church in ſaid Pariſh, with the Purchaſe Money.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, December 8th, 1753.

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A BILL, *To impower* John Armiſtead, Gent. *to ſell and diſpoſe of certain intailed Lands to raiſe Money for the Performance of his Father's Will*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr Attorney, and the Members of *Eſſex* and *Glouceſter* Counties.

A Bill *For eſtabliſhing an Agreement made between* Philip Johnſon, *and* William Armiſtead, *Gentlemen*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *James City* and *Charles City* Counties.

The Clerk of the Secretary's Office laid before the Houſe, according to Order, a Liſt of all Patents which were ready for ſigning, and Certificates that were returned on the 22d Day of *April* 1752; alſo a Liſt of the Patents that have been made out, and Certificates that have been returned ſince that Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Liſt do lie on the Table.

A Bill *For erecting a Town on* Occoquan *River, in the County of* Fairfax, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Henry Robinſon*, and the Members of *Fairfax* and *Prince-William* Counties.

An Ingroſſed Bill intituled, *An Act for adding Part of the County of* New-Kent, *to the County of* James-City *and Part of the Counties of* James-City, *and* Hanover *to the County of* New-Kent, *and for altering the Court-Day of the County of* Halifax, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Carter Burwell* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Gerard Alexander *is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Fairfax* do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Reddick* and Mr *Moore*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of the Houſe, till *Wedneſday* next.

A Bill, *To enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Bliſland, *in the Counties of* James City and New-Kent, *to ſell a Plantation and two hundred Acres of Land, in the ſaid Parish, and to buy Communion Plate and Ornaments for the lower Church in that Pariſh, with the Purchaſe Money*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, *For paying the Miniſter of the Pariſh of* Frederick, *in the County of* Frederick, *one hundred pounds annually, inſtead of the Salary now allowed*, was read a ſecond Time, and an Amendment made to the Title of the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendment, be Ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, without any Amendment.

A Bill *For enabling the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Elizabeth-City, *and the*
76 *Miniſter and Church-wardens of the Pariſh of* Elizabeth-City, *in that County, to take and hold certain Lands deviſed by the Will of* Benjamin Sym, *for a free School, and other charitable Uſes*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Gerard Alexander *is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, without any Amendment.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Book of Claims, and Part thereof was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Book be put off till *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, December 10th, 1753.

AN ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for enabling the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Elizabeth-City, *and the Miniſter and Church-wardens of the Pariſh of* Elizabeth-City, *in that County, to take and hold certain Lands deviſed by the Will of* Benjamin Sym, *for a free School, and other charitable Uſes*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *John Tabb* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe according to Order, proceeded to the further Conſideration of tbe Book of Claims, and Part thereof was read, and agreed to with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be adjourned till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, December 11th, 1753.

MR. *Henry Robinſon*, from the Committee to whom the Bill *For erecting a Town on* Occoquan *River in the County of* Fairfax; was committed, reported, That they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then deliver'd the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr *Stith* be deſired to preach in this Houſe on *Sunday* next, and that Mr *Martin*, do wait on him for that Purpoſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourn'd Conſideration of the Book 77
of Claims, and the remaining Part thereof was read, and the Allowances of the ſeveral Officers being added, it was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Fry* do carry the Book of Claims to the Council for their Concurrence, and that he do wait on the Governor and deſire his Aſſent thereto.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Miniſters of the Pariſh of* Frederick, *in the County of* Frederick, *and of* Auguſta, *in the County of* Auguſta, *one hundred Pounds annually, inſtead of the Salaries now allowed*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do carry the Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe was, according to Order, called over, and the Names of ſuch Members as made Default to appear, were taken down, and the liſt of Defaulters being called over, Excuſes were made for ſome of them which were allowed.

The Names of Mr *Ralph Juſtice*, Mr *Drury Stith*, Mr *John Willis*, Mr *Robert Jones*, and Mr *John Maddiſon*, being called oyer, and their Excuſes not being allowed,

Ordered, That Mr *Ralph Juſtice*, Mr *Drury Stith*, Mr *John Willis*, Mr *Robert Jones*, and Mr *John Maddiſon*, be taken into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, and brought before

before this Houſe, for abſenting themſelves from the Service of the Houſe without Leave.

The Houſe according to Order, proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments made by the Committee of the whole Houſe to the ingroſſed Bill from the Council, intituled, *An Act for ſettling certain Differences therein mentioned*, and the ſame were read and diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Then the Queſtion being put, That the Bill be read a third Time.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, December, 12th, 1753.

Ordered,

THAT Mr *Alexander* and Mr *Walke* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, the remaining Part of the Seſſion.

A Bill, *For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for the better Regulation of the Militia*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Martin*, Mr *Randolph*, and Mr *Johnſon*.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony do lay his Accounts before this Houſe.

Mr *Charles Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For allowing the Inhabitants of the County of* Hali-
78 fax, *to diſcharge their public Dues, and Officers Fees in Money inſtead of Tobacco*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, *For continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr Attorney, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, and Mr *Martin*.

A Bill *For allowing the Inhabitants of the County of* Halifax, *to diſcharge their public Dues and Officers Fees in Money inſtead of Tobacco*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Read*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Byrd*, and Mr *Fairfax*.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Lunenburg.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for enabling the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Elizabeth-City, *and the Miniſter and Church-wardens of the Pariſh of* Elizabeth-City, *in that County, to take and hold certain Lands deviſed by the Will of* Benjamin Sym, *for a free School, and other charitable Uſes*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for enabling the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Elizabeth-City, *and the Miniſter and Church-wardens of the Pariſh of* Elizabeth-City, *in that County, to take and hold certain Lands deviſed by the Will of* Benjamin Sym, *for a free School, and other charitable Uſes*, and the ſame were read and diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Weſtwood* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and deſire they will paſs the ſame without the Amendments.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting a Town on* Occoquan *River, in the County of* Fairfax; was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Henry Robinſon* do carry the ſaid bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Waller* from the Committee to whom the bill, *For eſtabliſhing an Agreemen made between* Philip Johnſon, *and* William Armiſtead, *Gentlemen*, was committed, reported.

ported, That the Committee had examined into the Allegations of the ſaid Bill, and found them to be true, and that they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Book of Claims, without any Amendment.

And that they inſiſt on their Amendments to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for enabling the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Elizabeth-City, *and the Miniſter and Church-* 79
wardens of the Pariſh of Elizabeth-City, *in that County, to take and hold certain Lands deviſed by the Will of* Benjamin Sym, *for a free School, and other charitable Uſes*, and deſire this Houſe will paſs the Bill with the Amendments.

A Bill, *To enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Bliſland, *in the Counties of* James-City *and* New-Kent, *to ſell a Plantation and two hundred Acres of Land, in the ſaid Pariſh, and to buy Communion Plate and Ornaments for the lower Church in that Pariſh, with the Purchaſe Money*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That a Committee for proportioning the public Levy be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.* Mr *Fry*, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Waring*, Mr *Claiborne*, Mr *Read*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Weſtwood*, Mr *Bouſh*, and Mr *Tucker*.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for adding Part of the County of* Auguſta, *to the County of* Frederick, *and for dividing the County of* Frederick, *and the Part of* Auguſta, *to be added thereto, into two Counties*, and the ſame were read, and agreed to with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr *Fairfax* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, December 13th, 1753.

AN ingroſſed Bill, intituled *An Act for eſtabliſhing an Agreement made between* Philip Johnſon, *and* William Armiſtead, *Gentlemen*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Waller*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Lunenburg, and the ſame being read, were agreed to with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr *Read* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, with ſome Amendments, and deſire they will paſs the Bill with the Amendments as agreed to.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments inſiſted on by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for enabling the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of* Elizabeth-City, *and the Miniſter and Church-wardens of the Pariſh of* Elizabeth-City *in that County, to take and hold certain Lands deviſed by the will of* Benjamin Sym, *for a Free School, and other charitable Uſes*, and the ſame being read,

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth recede from their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amend- 80
ments.

Ordered, That Mr *John Tabb*, do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for adding Part of the County of* Auguſta *to the County of* Frederick, *and for dividing the County of* Frederick, *and Part* of Auguſta *to be added thereto, into two Counties*; with the Amendments as agreed to by this Houſe.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Miniſters of the Pariſhes of* Frederick, *in the County of* Frederick, *and of* Auguſta, *in the County of* Auguſta, *one hundred Pounds annually, inſtead of the Salaries now allowed*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments, and the ſame were read and agreed to,

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

Mr *Martin* from the Committee to whom the Bill *For amending the Act, intituled, An Act, for the better Regulation of the Militia*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be Ingroſſed.

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe on *Saturday* next.

Mr Attorney, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For continuing and amending an Act, intituled, an Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table.

Then a Motion was made, that the ſaid Bill be recommitted, and the Queſtion being put thereupon,

It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Thomas Tabb*.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting a Town on* Occoquan *River*, in the County of *Fairfax*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

That they have alſo agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Lunenburg, with the Amendments as agreed to by this Houſe.

And that they cannot join with this Houſe in the Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty.

The Treaſurer, according to Order, laid his Accounts before the Houſe.

81 *Ordered*, That the ſame do lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members of this Houſe.

Mr Attorney from the Committee to whom the Bill, *To impower* John Armiſtead, *Gent. to ſell and diſpoſe of certain intailed Lands to raiſe Money for the Performance of his Father's Will*, was committed, reported, That they had examined into the Allegations of the ſaid Bill, and found them to be true, and that they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing an Agreement made between* Philip Johnſon, *and* William Armiſtead, *Gentlemen*, without any Amendment.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting a Town on* Occoquan *River, in the County of* Fairfax, and the ſame were read and agreed to.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Henry Robinſon* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, December 14th, 1753.

A MEMBER returned upon a new Writ having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre*, and Mr *Kendal*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, during the Remainder of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer's Accounts be referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*, Mr *Johnſon*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, and Mr *Wormeley*, that they examine the ſeveral Articles thereof, and report the Ballance as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe.

Mr *Read*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For allowing the Inhabitants of the County of* Halifax, *to diſcharge their Public Dues and Officers Fees, in Money inſtead of Tobacco*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Regulation of the Militia*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* John Armiſtead, *Gentleman, is ſeiſed, and to ſettle Slaves to the ſame Uſes, in Lieu thereof*, was read the third Time. 82

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney, and Mr *Waller*, be added to the Committee to whom the Bill *for continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, is committed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, December 15th, 1753.

MR. *Bland*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For continuing and amending the Act, intituled, an Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Hutchings*, and Mr *Claiborne*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, the Remainder of the Seſſion.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, prepared and drawn up Reaſons in Support of the Addreſs to his Majeſty, on the Subject

ject Matter of the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Henrico*, *Chefterfield*, *Cumberland*, *Albemarle*, *Amelia*, and *Dinwiddie*, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the fame was again read and agreed to by the Houfe.

Ordered, That the feveral Addreffes of this Houfe to his Majefty, and the faid Reafons, be inrolled, and figned by the Speaker.

Upon a Motion made.

Refolved, Nemine Contradicente.

That Mr Attorney General be appointed Agent to negotiate the Affairs of this Colony, in *Great-Britain*, and that the Sum of 2500£. be paid to him out of the Money in the Hands of the Treafurer to defray his Expences and as a Reward for his Trouble in taking fo long a Voyage.

An ingroffed Bill, intituled, *An Act for allowing the Inhabitants of the Counties of* Halifax, Bedford, *and* Hampfhire, *to difcharge their Public Dues, and Officers Fees in Money inftead of Tobacco*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Read* do carry the faid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houfe be put off till *Monday* next.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *For paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this prefent Seffion of Affembly*, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, to prepare and bring in the fame.

83 An Ingroffed Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Veftry of the Parifh of* Blifland, *in the Counties of* James-City *and* New-Kent, *to fell a Plantation of two hundred Acres of Land, in the faid Parifh, and to buy Communion Plate and Ornaments for the lower Church in that Parifh, with the Purchafe Money*, was read the third Time.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Power*, do carry the faid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Carter*, according to Order, prefented to the Houfe, a Bill, *For paying the Burgeffes Wages in Money for this prefent Seffion of Affembly*, and the fame was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond Time.

An Ingroffed Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, an Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Randolph* do carry the faid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houfe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, December 17th, 1753.

MR. *Fry* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, fettled the proportion of the County Levy, and ftated the fame in a Book, which he delivered in at the Table, where it was read and agreed to by the Houfe.

Ordered, That Mr *Fry* do carry the Book to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That an Addrefs be made to the Governor to Order a new Writ to iffue for electing a Burgefs to ferve in this prefent General Affembly for the County of *Frederick*, in the Room of Mr *Gabriel Jones*, who hath accepted the Office of Coroner of the faid County; and that Mr *Fairfax* do wait on him with the faid Addrefs.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed to examine the Treafurer's Accounts, had according to Order, had the fame under their Confideration, and had examined all the feveral Articles and Vouchers thereof, whereupon it appeared, That the

the ſaid Accounts are truly ſtated, and that the Ballance of the public Monies now in the Hands of the Treaſurer, amounts to the Sum of 8319£. 13 *s.* 11 *d.* current Money.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Accounts do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Accounts to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill, be Ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Book of Proportions.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Bliſland, *in the* 84
Counties of James-City *and* New-Kent, *to ſell a Plantation and two hundred Acres of Land, in the ſaid Pariſh, and to buy Communion Plate and Ornaments for the lower Church in that Pariſh, with the Purchaſe Money.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for allowing the Inhabitants of the Counties of* Halifax, Hampſhire and Bedford, *to diſcharge their public Dues and Officers Fees in Money inſtead of Tobacco.*

Alſo to the Treaſurer's Accounts without any Amendment.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* John Armiſtead, *Gentlemen* [*sic*], is ſeiſed, and to ſettle Slaves to the ſame Uſes, in Lieu thereof.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* John Armiſtead, *Gentleman, is ſeiſed, and to ſettle Slaves to the ſame Uſes, in Lieu thereof*, and the ſame were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill,

The Houſe alſo proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending an Act intituled, an Act, for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, and the ſame being read were diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and deſire that they will paſs the Bill without the Amendments.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *For raiſing a public Levy*, and it is referred to Mr *Fry* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And he accordingly preſented to the Houſe, a Bill *For raiſing a public Levy*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they receded from their Amendments to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending the Act, intituled, an Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies.*

Upon a Motion made;

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente.

That *Peyton Randolph*, Eſq; be appointed Agent for this Colony, to ſolicit and ne- 85
gotiate the Affairs of the Colony in *Great-Britain*, and that the Treaſurer be directed to

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pay him the ſum of 2500£. current Money of *Virginia*, out of the Money in his Hands, to defray his Expences, and as a Reward for taking ſo long a Voyage.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, repreſenting to him the Reaſons why this Houſe have appointed his Attorney-General, to ſollicit the Affairs of this Colony, and praying that his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to continue him in his Office; and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, and Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, December, 18th, 1753.

A BILL *For raiſing a public Levy*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*.

An Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing a public Levy*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Fry* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr *Carter Burwell* from the Committee of Privileges and Elections reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Return of the Writ for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Spotſylvania*, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then deilvered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Return of the ſaid Writ is made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing a public Levy*, without any Amendment.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty, repreſenting to him the Reaſons why this Houſe appointed his Attorney-General to ſollicit the Affairs of this Colony, in *Great-Britain*, and praying that he will be graciouſly pleaſed to continue him in his Office, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs with the Amendment be inrolled, and ſigned by the Speaker.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That a ſtanding Agent be appointed to negotiate the Affairs of this Colony in *Great-Britain*, That the Sum of 200£. *Sterling, per Annum* be allowed him by the
86 Treaſurer of this Colony, for the Time being, out of the Public Money in his Hands, and it is left to the Choice of Mr Attorney General to appoint ſuch Perſon as he ſhall think beſt qualified for that Purpoſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, December, 19th, 1753.

MR. *Bland*, reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, examined the inrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly enrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the inrolled Bills to the Council for their Inſpection.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

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That they have inſpected the inrolled Bills, and are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr Speaker,

The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council-Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following public and private Bills.

1. An Act for reducing the ſeveral Laws made for eſtabliſhing the General Court, and for regulating and ſettling the Proceedings therein, into one Act of Aſſembly.

2. For Continuing an Act, intituled, an Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections.

3. For amending the Act, intituled, an Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

4. For continuing the Act, intituled, an Act for reviving the Duty upon Slaves, for the Term therein mentioned.

5. For further continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned.

6. For paying the Miniſters of the Pariſhes of Frederick, *in the County of* Frederick, *and of* Auguſta, *in the County of* Auguſta, *and of* Hampſhire, *in the County of* Hampſhire, *one hundred Pounds annually, inſtead of the Salaries now allowed.*

7. For further encouraging Perſons to ſettle on the Waters of the Miſſiſippi.

8. For the better Government of Servants and Slaves.

9. For continuing and amending an Act, intituled, an Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies.

10. For allowing the Inhabitants of the Counties of Halifax, Bedford, *and* Hampſhire, *to diſcharge their Public Dues, and Officers Fees in Money inſtead of Tobacco.*

11. For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.

12. For raiſing a public Levy.

13. For appointing ſeveral new Ferries.

14. For adding Part of the County and Pariſh of Auguſta *to the County and Pariſh of* Fred- 87
erick, *and for dividing the County and Pariſh of* Frederick, *and the Part of* Auguſta *to be added thereto, into two Counties and Pariſhes.*

15. For dividing the County of Amelia.

16. For dividing the County of Lunenburg, *and Pariſh of* Cumberland.

17. For dividing the County of Surry, *and adding Part of the Pariſh of* Albemarle *to the Pariſh of* Southwark.

18. For dividing the Pariſh of St. Andrew, *in the County of* Brunſwick.

19. To impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of South-Farnham, *in the County of* Eſſex, *to ſell the Glebe Land in the ſaid Pariſh, and to lay out and apply the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale towards purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, and erecting Houſes thereon.*

20. For enabling the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of Elizabeth-City, *and the Miniſter, and Church-wardens of the Pariſh of* Elizabeth-City, *in that County, to take and hold certain Lands deviſed by the Will of Benjamin Sym, for a free School, and other charitable Uſes.*

21. To enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of Bliſland, *in the Counties of* James-City *and* New-Kent, *to ſell a Plantation and two hundred Acres of Land, in the ſaid Pariſh, and to buy Communion Plate and Ornaments for the lower Church in that Pariſh, with the Purchaſe Money.*

22. For clearing Mattapony *River.*

23. For erecting a Town on Occoquan *River, in the County of* Fairfax.

24. To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof Gerard Alexander *is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

25. For docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of Middleſex, *and veſting the ſame in* Robert Chew, *in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

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26. To enable John Armiſtead, Gent. *to ſell and diſpoſe of certain intailed Lands to raiſe Money for the Performance of his Father's Will.*

27. For docking the Intail of a Tract of Land in the Pariſh of Abingdon, *in the County of* Glouceſter, *whereof* Lawrence Smith, *Gent. is ſeiſed, and ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

28. For eſtabliſhing an Agreement made between Philip Johnſon, *and* William Armiſtead, *Gentlemen.*

And likeways to the following Reſolves;

Reſolved, That the Sum of 300*£*. *per Annum*, be allowed to *William Hunter*, Printer, from the End of this preſent Seſſion, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

Reſolved, That *James Skelton*, be allowed the further Sum of 500*£*. for rebuilding the Capitol, but that 200*£*. Part thereof, be not paid until the ſaid Rebuilding be compleated.

88 And then his Honour was pleaſed to make the following Speech.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

THE Seaſon of the Year being far advanced, and the Buſineſs of the Aſſembly concluded, it is neceſſary to put an End to this Seſſion.

That Zeal for his Majeſty's Service, that diſintereſted Love of your Country, for which you have been diſtinguiſhed upon former Occaſions, has now in ſome Particulars, not been ſufficiently attended to. The Friendſhip of the *Indians* is a national Concern. The Intereſt of *Great-Britain*, the Welfare of all his Majeſty's Colonies on this Continent, and your own Peace and Safety are engaged upon the Event of the preſent Meaſures.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

His Majeſty's Royal Command for a mutual Supply recommended to you at the beginning of this Seſſion, to preſerve the Friendſhip of the Indians, to conſult the real Proſperity of your Country, and at the ſame Time to maintain the juſt Rights of the Crown, ſhould have been the fix'd Object of your Attention; but to diſregard the Deſigns of the French, to deſpiſe the Friendſhip of the Indians, and to diſpute the Rights of the Crown in the Diſpoſal of their own Lands, may be of bad Conſequence.

Next to the Service of my Royal Maſter, my greateſt Ambition will be to make this Dominion flouriſh and the People happy; ſuch will be my Endeavors, and ſuch is the whole Tenor of my Conduct.

Let me therefore, Gentlemen, recommend to you, and deſire of you, during your Receſs in the different Counties, to cultivate Piety and Morality, by which you will promote the true Happineſs of the People, encourage Induſtry, to preſerve good Order and Regularity among them, that they may be truly ſenſible of the ineſtimable Bleſſings of his Majeſty's Reign. I have thought fit to prorogue this Aſſembly to the laſt *Thurſday* in *April* next, and you are accordingly prorogued.

ERRATA.

Page 43, in the Addreſs, *for* being well aſſured, *read*, are well aſſured. *For*, your Honou's Name is made Uſe of. We conceive, *read*, your Honour's Name is made Uſe of, we conceive.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 1754.

A MESSAGE from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

The Governor commands your immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber.

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up to attend the Governor.

And being returned, he reported, That the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and that he was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the Houſe, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is follows,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

NOTHING leſs than a very important Concern, could have induced me to call you together again, after ſo ſhort a Receſs; but the Dignity of the Crown of *Great-Britain*, the Welfare of all the Colonies on this Continent, and more eſpecially of this Dominion, engage me to have your Advice and Aſſiſtance, in an Affair of the greateſt Conſequence.

2 Major *Waſhington*, who was ſent by me to the Commandant of the *French* Forces on the River *Ohio*, being returned, informs me he found that Officer at a Fort they had erected on a Creek running into the *Ohio*, and that they were then preparing all Neceſſaries for building another Fort on that River; that they had two Hundred and Twenty Canoes made, and many more rough hewed to be made, in order to tranſport, early this Spring, a great Number of regular Forces, not leſs than Fifteen Hundred Men, with their Indians in Friendſhip with them, down the River *Ohio*, in order to build many more Fortreſſes on it; and that they propoſed *Loggs*-Town to be the chief Place of their Rendezvous.

Major *Waſhington* further reports, That he aſked why they had ſeized the Goods of our Traders, and ſent their Perſons Priſoners to *Canada*; to which the Commandant anſwered, 'That his Orders from their General, the Governor of *Canada*, were, *Not to per-*'*mit any* Engliſh *Subjects to trade on the Waters of the* Ohio, *but to ſeize their Goods and ſend* '*them Priſoners to* Quebec.' He alſo aſked the Reaſon of taking Mr *Frazier*'s Houſe from him, which he had built and lived in upwards of twelve Years? He ſaid, 'That Man was 'lucky that he had made his Eſcape, or he would have ſent him Priſoner to *Canada*.'

Theſe Tranſactions are entirely inconſiſtent with the Treaties ſubſiſting between the two Crowns, and contrary to my Inſtructions from his Majeſty, whereby I am directed to prevent any foreign Power, ſettling or building any Fortreſſes on his Majeſty's Lands.

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Add to the aforementioned unjuſtifiable Inſults of the *French*, the Cruel and barbarous Murder, in cool Blood, of a whole Family in this Dominion, Man, Wife, and five Children, no longer ago than laſt Month; and very lately a poor Man on the South Branch of *Patowmack*, robbed of his Son. Theſe Depredations were ſaid to be done by the *French* Indians, but if I be rightly informed, ſome of the *French* Subjects always go with the Indians, on theſe Incurſions, and are both privy to, and Inſtigators of, their Robberies and Murders.

How compaſſionate muſt then be the diſtreſſful Situation of that poor unhappy Family! ſurrounded by a Crowd of Miſcreants, dreadfully ruſhing on to perpetrate the moſt ſavage Barbarities, inexorable to the Parent's Intreaties, inſenſible to the Cries of the tender Infant, baſely determined to deſtroy, without Provocation, thoſe who could not reſiſt their Violence.

Think you ſee the Infant torn from the unavailing Struggles of the diſtracted Mother, the Daughters raviſhed before the Eyes of their wretched Parents; and then, with Cruelty and Inſult, butchered and ſcalped. Suppoſe the horrid Scene compleated, and the whole Family, Man, Wife, and Children (as they were) murdered and ſcalped by theſe relentleſs Savages, and then torn in Pieces, and in Part devoured by wild Beaſts, for whom they were left a Prey by their more brutal Enemies.

But how muſt your Indignation riſe when you extend your view to the Abettors of theſe Villanies! Such are the People whoſe Neighborhood you muſt now prevent, or with the moſt probable Expectation think to ſee, in the Boſom of your Country, theſe Evils, that you as yet have only the melancholy Tidings of from your Frontiers.

Conſider the bloody Villains, thieviſhly lurking about a Man's Plantation, and where they dare not attack like Men, baſely, like Vermin, ſtealing and carrying away the helpleſs Infant, that happened to wander, tho' but a little Diſtance, from his Father's Threſhold.

I aſſure you, Gentlemen, theſe Inſults on our Sovereign's Protection, and Barbarities on our Fellow Subjects, make deep Impreſſions on my Heart; and I doubt not, as you muſt hear them with Horror and Reſentment, but you will enable me, by a full and ſufficient Supply, to exert the moſt Vigorous Efforts, to ſecure the Rights and aſſert the Honour and Dignity of our Sovereign; to drive away theſe cruel and treacherous Invaders of your Properties, and Deſtroyers of your Families, and thereby to gratify my 3
warmeſt wiſhes in eſtabliſhing the Security and Proſperity of *Virginia*, on the moſt ſolid and permanent Foundations.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I muſt earneſtly recommend to you His Majeſty's Commands, for a proper Supply, the immediate Neceſſity whereof, at this Time, I deſire you will ſeriouſly conſider, and by a ready and effectual Compliance, recommend yourſelves and the Country to His Royal Favour.

This is your Part, Gentlemen.—What I could, before your Meeting, I have done, for the Public; and by the Advice of the Council I have array'd ſome Part of the Militia, which I have order'd up to the *Ohio* with all poſſible Expedition, to build a Fort there, at the Forks of *Monongahela*. And as His Majeſty's gracious Preſent of Thirty Pieces of Cannon, Eighty Barrels of Powder, and other Ordnance Stores ſuitable, are arriv'd, I have ſent Ten of the Cannon, and a Proportion of Ammunition to *Alexandria*, to be from thence tranſported as ſoon as poſſible to the *Ohio*.

I have wrote to the Neighbouring Colonies for their Aid and Aſſiſtance, which I have good Reaſon to expect; but I muſt obſerve to you, that their Eyes are fix'd on your Proceedings, and I hope you will engage them, by a laudable Example, to contribute ſufficiently for the common Cauſe.

The late Occaſion having ſuggeſted to me ſome Defect in the *Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, I think proper to obſerve to you, that the Pay is very unequally proportioned, being too high for the Soldier, and too low for the Officer; and there is no Proviſion made for a Doctor, a Commiſſary of Stores, and ſeveral other Requiſites.—

Requiſites.—I think it would be better to pay the Militia in Money than Tobacco, by which there may be a Saving to the Country, and the Men better ſatisfied.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I look upon the Safety and welfare of *Virginia* to depend on your Councils and Determinations, at this critical Juncture, which therefore ought to be uninterrupted by any Avocations from Prejudice, or unſeaſonable Diviſions, at all Times the Bane of public Conſultations, but which, at preſent, would be particularly fatal; and I doubt not, when you ſerioufly conſider the Importance of what is laid before you, you will find Duty, Honour, and your own Preſervation, all united, to engage you to exert your Efforts equal to the Occaſion.

The Seaſon for entering upon Action being ſo near at Hand, your Seſſion can be but ſhort, and I deſire to conclude with an earneſt Exhortation to Concord and Expedition, leſt if we be divided, or ſlow in Deliberation, our Enemies may ſeize the Time we loſe, and render any future Efforts ineffectual.

And in all Meaſures for his Majeſty's Service, and the Good of this Colony, you will have my ready and zealous Concurrence.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to the Governor, to return him our Thanks for his Speech to the Council and this Houſe, to expreſs our Reſentment at the unjuſtifiable Proceedings and Encroachments of the *French*, and *French* Indians, and our Abhorrence of their barbarous Cruelties and Depredations, and to aſſure his Honour, that we will take the Affairs recommended to us under our ſerious Conſideration, and act agreeable to the Duty we owe our King and Country.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the Governor, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr *Waller*, Mr *Fry*, Mr *Lomax*, and Mr *Pendleton*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *John Willis*, a Member of this Houſe, in the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for neglecting to attend his Service the laſt Seſſion, be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying Fees.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take under their Conſideration the Governor's Speech, To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr *William Stith* be continued Chaplain to this Houſe, that he attend every Morning to read Prayers at 9 o'Clock, and that he be deſired to preach in this Houſe every *Sunday* during this Seſſion.

Ordered, That *William Francis*, *Robert Wager*, *Thomas Broadrib*, *Andrew Lindeſay*, and *James Lavic*, be continued in their reſpective Offices of Door-Keepers to this Houſe, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

Two Claims of *George Peay* for taking up two Runaways therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Henry Lightfoot* for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That all ſuch public Claims and Propoſitions, as ſhall be certified to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Friday, February 15th, 1754.

A MEMBER returned upon a new Writ having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Waller* reported, that the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in

in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to with an Amendment, and is follows,

SIR,

We his Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Burgeſſes of this his moſt ancient Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, now met in General Aſſembly, humbly beg Leave to return your Honour our Thanks for your Speech to the Council and this Houſe.

With Hearts full of Zeal for his Majeſty's Service, and the Intereſt of this Country, and fired with Reſentment and Indignation at the unjuſtifiable Proceedings and Encroachments of the *French*, and *French* Indians; we do, in the ſtrongeſt Terms, expreſs out utmoſt Abhorrence of their late barbarous Cruelites and Depredations, committed on the Frontiers, and his Majeſty's Subjects inhabiting there.

We are truly ſenſible of the great Importance of the ſeveral Matters recommended to us by your Honour, and we do aſſure you, that we will take the ſame into our ſerious Conſideration, and Act therein agreeable to the Duty we owe to our King and Country.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame, wait on the Governor to know his Pleaſure when this Houſe ſhall attend his Honour to preſent it.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to deliver to this Houſe, Major George Waſhington's *Journal to the River* Ohio, *and alſo a Letter from the Commandant of the* French *Forces on that River to his Honour.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers do lie on the Table.

A Claims [*ſic*] of *Marquis Calmes*, junior, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Daniel Tucker* for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Forſter* for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Elizabeth Maccade* for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Swift*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order Writs to iſſue for the electing of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the Counties of *Suffex* and *Prince-Edward*, and for the County of *Eſſex*, in the Room of Mr *Thomas Waring*, deceaſed.

And alſo for the County of *Norfolk*, in the Room of Mr *Samuel Bouſh*, who, ſince his Election hath accepted of the Office of Clerk of the Court of the ſaid County, and that Mr *Waller* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſſes.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor to order a new writ to iſſue, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Surry*, in the Room of Mr *Auguſtine Claiborne*, who, ſince his Election, hath accepted of the Office of Clerk of the Court of the County of *Suffex*; and alſo for the County of *Louiſa* in the Room of Mr *Thomas Walker*, who, ſince his Election, hath accepted of the Office of an Aſſiſtant-Surveyor, and that Mr *Venable* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſſes.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe be directed to bring before this Houſe, the Earl of *Holderneſs*'s Letter, which was laid before this Houſe by the Direction of his Honour the Governor the laſt Seſſion.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take under their Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That the Earl of *Holderneſs*'s Letter, and Major *Waſhington*'s Journal to the River *Ohio*, and the Letter from the Commandant of the *French* Troops on that River to his Honour the Governor, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take under their Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had under Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, to direct the proper Officer to lay before this Houſe, an Account of the two Shillings *per* Hogſhead, laid upon Tobacco; one Shilling and three Pence *per* Ton, and Six Pence *per* Poll on Perſons imported into this Colony, except Mariners.

Ordered, That Mr *Carter* do wait on his Honour the Governor with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr *Carter* alſo reported, that the Committee not having Time to go thro' the Governors Speech, had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take under their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Ten o'Clock.

Saturday, February 16th, 1754.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that he had, according to Order, waited on the Governor, with the Addreſs of this Houſe, to deſire that he would direct the proper Officer, to lay before this Houſe, an Account of the Two Shillings *per* Hogſhead laid upon Tobacco; one Shilling and Three Pence *per* Ton, and Six Pence *per* Poll, on Perſons imported into this Country, except Mariners, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, the ſaid Accounts ſhould be made out as ſoon as poſſible.

Mr *Waller* reported, that the Committee appointed had, according to Order, waited on the Governor to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to appoint next *Monday*, and to ſay that he would ſignify, by a Meſſage to the Houſe, when he was ready to receive it.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Lancaſter*, in the Room of Mr *Joſeph Chinn*, who ſince his Election hath accepted of the Office of Coroner of the ſaid County, and that Mr *Carter* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

A Claim of *William Hudſon*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Note of the Inſpectors of the public Warehouſe at *Kennon*'s for one Hogſhead, of Tobacco belonging to *John Weſt*, which was burnt in the ſaid Warehouſe, and not mentioned in the Memorial of the ſaid Inſpectors, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, that the Receiver-General being out of Town, his Honour has ordered me to lay before them, a State of the Revenue of two Shillings per *Hogſhead, one Shilling and Three Pence* per *Ton, and Six-Pence* per *Poll, on Perſons imported into this Country, except Mariners.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Account do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf ito a Committee, to take under their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account of the Revenue of two Shillings *per* Hogſhead, one Shilling and Three Pence *per* Ton, and Six Pence *per* Poll, on Perſons imported into this Colony, except Mariners, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Carter* reported, that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take under their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech on *Monday* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Waller*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe 'till *Tueſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning at Ten o'Clock.

Monday, February 18th, 1754.

Ordered,

THAT Mr *Drury Stith*, Mr *Robert Jones*, and Mr *John Madiſon*, Members of this Houſe, in the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms attending this Houſe, for neglecting to attend their Service the laſt Seſſion, be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying Fees.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe that his Honour is now ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council-Chamber.

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up, and being returned, reported, That he with the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer,

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I RETURN you my ſincere Thanks for your kind Addreſs. It gives me ſingular Pleaſure to find you ſo warmly expreſſing your Zeal for his Majeſty's Service, and Intereſt of our Country; from whence I draw an happy Preſage, that you will take the moſt vigorous Meaſures, to prevent the Progreſs of our Enemies in their unjuſtifiable Proceedings and Encroachments; and ſecure his Majeſty's People, your Fellow-Subjects, from a Repetition of thoſe barbarous Cruelties, that ſo juſtly fire your Indignation and Reſentment.

At the ſame Time Gentlemen, that you appear actuated with the higheſt Regard for your Duty to your King and Country, you will become an animating Example to the neighbouring Colonies, to exert themſelves in the common Cauſe.

And in every Meaſure conducive to this Good, the Houſe of Burgeſſes will always find my ready and affectionate Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take under their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Governor's Speech, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, and is as follows,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That an humble Addreſs be prepared in Order to be preſented to his Majeſty, to ſhew our Readineſs to obey him on all Occaſions, and to lay before him a true State of our Frontiers, and the beſt Method of protecting them.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow at Ten o'Clock.

Tuesday,

Tuesday, February 19th, 1754.

A MESSAGE from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have paſſed a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Regulation of the Militia*, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *For the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi; and it is referred to Mr *Carter*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Turner*, Mr *Power*, Mr *Fry*, Mr *Martin*, and Mr *Lomax*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Claim of *Japheth Whayne* junior, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo two Claims of *Francis Baber* for the ſame Services, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Upon a Motion made.

An ingroſſed Bill from the Council, intituled, *An Act for the Regulation of the Militia*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe immediately reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, which was Yeſterday referred to the Conſideration of this Day, be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Ten o'Clock.

Wednesday, February 20th, 1754.

A CLAIM of *Miles Raley*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Thomas Penman* Keeper of the public Goal, ſetting forth, That this Houſe did, at the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, alter the Method of the Payment of the Petitioner's Salary, and encreaſed his Allowance for maintaining the Priſoners, which will expire at the End of this preſent Seſſion, and praying that this Houſe will be pleaſed to continue ſuch Allowance, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the Additional Sum of 15£. be paid to the ſaid *Thomas Penman* every Year, over and above his uſual Salary of 25£.

Reſolved, That Ten Pounds of Tobacco *per* Day be allowed to the ſaid *Thomas Penman*, for every Criminal committed to the ſaid Goal, during ſuch Criminal's Impriſonment, from this Time to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Upon a Motion made,

A Bill *For the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi; was read a ſecond time, and committed to Mr *Carter*, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *Bland*,

Bland, Mr *Robert Burwell*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Harrifon*, Mr *Power*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, and Mr *Johnfon*.

The Houfe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, made on *Monday* laſt, which was referred to be conſidered this Day, and the ſame was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to his Majeſty, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr *Carter*, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Jones*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Robert Burwell*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Harrifon*, Mr *Power*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Johnfon*, Mr *Byrd*, Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*, Mr *Page*, Mr *Fairfax*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Lomax*, and Mr *Chifwell*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole Houſe be diſcharged from proceeding any farther on the ingroſſed Bill from the Council, intituled, *An Act for the Regulation of the Militia*.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *To amend the Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia*, and that Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Johnſon*, and Mr *Fry* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Ten o'Clock.

Thursday, February 21ſt, 1754.

TWO Claims of *Larkin Chew* for taking up two Runaways therein mentioned, were preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Mary Jones* ſetting forth, That *Harry* a Slave belonging to the Petitioner, ſome Time in *December* 1752, with a Knife ſtabbed and wounded the Petitioner his Miſtreſs, in ſeveral Places, for which Offence the ſaid Slave was, by a Court of *Oyer and Terminer*, adjudged to be whipped, and to have both his Ears cut off, which Puniſhment being inflicted on the ſaid Slave, on a very cold Day, he preſently after, on the ſame Day died on his Return home, and praying an Allowance for him, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Petition be received.

Reſolved in the Negative.

Mr *Carter*, from the Committee to whom the Bill *For the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Upon a Motion made.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer be directed to pay out of the public Monies in his Hands, the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to Major *George Waſhington*, to teſtify our Approbation of his Proceedings on his Journey to the *Ohio*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr *Randolph* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Petition of *William Hunter*, ſetting forth, That his Salary as Printer will expire at the End of this preſent Seſſion, and praying that the ſame may be continued to him, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved,

11 *Reſolved*, That the Sum of 300 £. *per Annum*, be allowed to *William Hunter*, Printer, from the End of this preſent Seſſion, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr *Waller* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Upon a Motion made.

The Bill *For amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia* was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Fry*, Mr *Bolling*, and Mr *Pendleton*.

Mr *Fry*, from the Committee to whom the Bill *For amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia* was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Ten o'Clock.

Friday, February 22d, 1754.

AN Ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending an Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Reſolve for allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, 300 £. *per Annum*, from the End of this preſent Seſſion, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia*, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Reſolve for paying the Sum of Fifty Pounds to Major *George Waſhington*.

12 *Reſolved*, That the ſeveral Sums following be paid to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, reſpectively.

To Mr *John Randolph*, Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,		£.60
To Mr *Walthoe* Clerk of the General Aſſembly,		30
To the Reverend Mr *Stith*, Chaplain,		15
To Mr *Eppes* Serjeant at Arms,		20
To the Door-Keeper of the Council,		5
To *William Francis*,	Door-Keepers to the Houſe	5
To *Robert Wager*,		5
To *Andrew Lindeſay*,		5
To *Thomas Broadrib*,		5
To *James Lavie*,		5

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Waller* do carry the ſaid Reſolve to the Council for their Concurrence.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and it is refered to Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Carter*, and Mr *Waller*; to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the Miſſiſippi.*

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to lay before your Houſe, a Copy of a Letter from the Lords of Trade, recommending a general Interview of the neighbouring Governments, with the Six Nations.

Which being read.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the inrolled Bills, of the following Perſons, *viz.* Mr *Bland*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Martin*, and Mr *Page*.

Mr *Randolph*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made.

A Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Randolph* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Reſolve for paying the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, the reſpective Sums of Money therein mentioned.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, without any Amendment.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Ten o'Clock.

Saturday, February 23d, 1754.

MR. *Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed, had according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty, to ſhew our Readineſs to obey him on all Occaſions, and to lay before him a true State of our Frontiers, and the beſt Method of protecting them, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs do lie on the Table.

Mr *Martin* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, examined the inrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly inrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Martin* do carry the inrolled Bills to the Council for their Inſpection.

A Claim of *Seymour Powell*, junior, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *John Briggs*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have inſpected the inrolled Bills and are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Addreſs to his Majeſty, which was ordered to lie on the Table, and the ſame was agreed to.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be inrolled and ſigned by the Speaker, and tranſmitted to our Agent in *Great-Britain*, to be preſented to his Majeſty.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills,

1. *An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi,

2. *An Act for amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia.*

3. *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

And likewiſe to the following Reſolves,

Reſolved, That the Sum of 300 £. *per Annum*, be allowed to *William Hunter*, Printer, from the End of this preſent Seſſion, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer be directed to pay out of the public Monies in his hands, the Sum of Fifty Pounds, to Major *George Waſhington*, to teſtify our Approbation of his Proceedings on his Journey to the *Ohio*.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Sums following be paid to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, reſpectively.

To Mr *John Randolph*, Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,		£.60
To Mr *Walthoe* Clerk of the General Aſſembly,		30
To the Reverend Mr *Stith*, Chaplain,		15
To Mr *Eppes* Serjeant at Arms,		20
To the Door-Keeper of the Council,		5
To *William Francis*,	Door-Keepers to the Houſe	5
To *Robert Wager*,		5
To *Andrew Lindeſay*,		5
To *Thomas Broadrib*,		5
To *James Lavie*,		5

And then his Honour was pleaſed to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

THE Buſineſs of the Seſſion being concluded, I ſhall detain you no longer than to thank you for the Supply you have granted, which I will endeavour to make effective of the good Purpoſes for which it is given.

I have thought fit to prorogue this Aſſembly to the third *Thurſday* in *April* next, and you are accordingly prorogued to that Time.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 22d, 1754.

A MESSAGE from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Withers*, *Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.*

"The Governor commands your immediate Attendance in the Council-Chamber." Accordingly Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend the Governor.

And being returned, he reported, That the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which he had, to prevent Miſtakes obtained a Copy, which he read to the Houſe, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I AM very ſenſible the great Expence the Country is at, in frequent Meeting of the Aſſembly, but I am perſuaded when you ſeriouſly conſider the preſent dangerous Situation of our Affairs, you will agree with me, in the abſolute Neceſſity of calling you together at this Time.

The ambitious Views of the *French*, for univerſal Monarchy, have been particularly obſerved in *Europe* for many Years. They have for theſe laſt Seven Years been oppreſſing the *Britiſh* Subjects in the *Eaſt* and *Weſt-Indies*. His Majeſty's Colonies on this Continent have been greatly disturbed with their repeated Incroachments: They began with the *Northern* Settlements, and are now carrying their unjuſt Deſigns to the *Southern* Colonies of the *Britiſh* Subjects.

What more immediately affects us, is, that in open Contempt and Violation of the Treaties now ſubſiſting between the Crowns of *Great-Britain* and *France*; they have, unjuſtly, invaded His Majeſty's Lands on the River *Ohio*, and with an armed Force taken a Fort, that, by His Majeſty's Orders, I had directed to be built on that River; after which, they have committed the moſt violent hoſtile Act, by attacking our Forces, which were ſent, by His Majeſty's Commands, to build ſome Forts on His Lands near the River *Ohio*, and killed many of our People.

Theſe Affairs, I hope, you will ſeriouſly conſider; and I fear, this is only a Prelude to their further Deſigns of invading, and taking from us the Lands we are now, and have been ſo long poſſeſſed of.

I could expatiate very largely on theſe Affairs, but my Heart burns with Reſentment at their Inſolence on the Dignity of the Crown, and diſturbing the Quiet of this Dominion.

Gentlemen

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I think there is no room for many Arguments to induce you to raiſe a conſiderable Supply, to enable me to defeat the Deſigns of theſe troubleſome People, and Enemies to Mankind. I earneſtly deſire all Animoſities may ſubſide, that your Deliberations and Councils, at this perilous Time, be diſtinguiſhed by Loyalty, Duty to the beſt of Kings, and true Patriotiſm for the Defence of your Country; which is now ſo much expoſed to the Inſults of a mercileſs Enemy.

The Expences to this Time, your Committee can inform you, and I believe the Money is wholly expended.

The conducting of the Expedition for the future, will require great Supplies, but ſurely the Neceſſity of our Affairs calls for it; and, no Doubt, it will be thought reaſonable, to advance Part of what we are poſſeſſ'd of, to ſave the reſt.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

Never was a Time which more ſtrongly called for your Unanimity and Diſpatch; and as every Individual becomes now concerned in your Conſultations, that you will exert yourſelves on this Emergency, by granting Supplies equal to the preſſing Occaſions.

I pray, God may direct your Counſels for His Honor, and the Protection of your Country, by granting ſuch Aſſiſtance at this Time, as to qualify me to repel the Force of the Enemy.

Gentlemen,

I have nothing in View, but the Proſperity, Happineſs, and Safety of this Dominion; I therefore deſire to aſſure you, that I will, with Chearfulneſs, join in every Thing you may propoſe for theſe ſalutary Ends, conſiſtent with my Inſtructions.

Ordered, That an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, to Thank his Honor for his Speech to the Council and this Houſe, to expreſs our Reſentment at the Encroachment of the *French*, and to aſſure him that we will endeavor to grant ſuch Supplies, as the Exigency of Affairs requires.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the Governor 3
purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Lomax*, Mr *Byrd*, and Mr *Martin*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Governor's Speech into Conſideration, Tomorrow.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as were referred from the laſt, to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and alſo all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as ſhall be certified to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the City of *Williamſburg*, in the Room of *Armiſtead Burwell*, Gent. deceaſed; and alſo for the County of *Auguſta*, in the Room of Mr *John Madiſon*, who, ſince his Election, hath accepted the Office of Coroner of the ſaid County, and that Mr *Waller* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Suſſex*, in the Room of Mr *John Edmonds*, who, ſince his Election, hath accepted of the Office of Surveyer of the ſaid County; and alſo for the County of *Lunenburg*, in the Room of Mr *Clement Reade*, who, ſince his Election, hath accepted of the Office of Surveyor of the ſaid County; and alſo for the two new Counties of *Hampſhire* and *Bedford*; and that Mr *Pendleton* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor to order a new Writ to iſſue, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Albemarle*, in the Room of Mr *Joſhua Fry*, deceaſed, and that Mr *Howard* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

A Petition of *Vendal Brown*, ſetting forth, That the *French* had ſlaughtered all his Stocks of Cattle and Horſes, and deſtroyed his Effects and Grain; and praying that this

Houſe

Houſe would take the ſame into their Conſideration, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

Several Members returned upon new Writs, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, to deſire that his Honor will be pleaſed to order to be laid before this Houſe, Copies of ſuch Orders as he has given, from Time to Time, to the reſpective Officers; and ſuch Letters as he has received from his Majeſty's Governors on the Continent, and the ſeveral Officers in Relation to the Expedition, and that Mr *Carter* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi, do lay their Accounts before the Houſe.

The Houſe being informed that Mr *Ralph Juſtice* attended at the Door, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, it was thereupon,

Ordered, That he be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying Fees.

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr *William Stith* be continued Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at Nine o'clock.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Door-Keepers of this Houſe be continued in their reſpective Offices, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Ten o'Clock.

Friday, August 23d, 1754.

A CLAIM of *Sarah Cornick*, Widow, and Executrix of *Joel Cornick*, for a Runaway therein mentioned, taken up by the ſaid *Joel* in his Lifetime.

Alſo two Claims of *Anthony Sydner*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Flint*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Joſeph Yeatman*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Purcell*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Chriſtopher Chinn*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Hammond*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Robert Forreſter*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Chapman*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Holliday*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that he had, according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor with the Addreſs of this Houſe, to deſire that his Honor would be pleaſed to order to be laid before this Houſe, Copies of ſuch Orders, as he has given, from Time to Time, to the reſpective Officers; and alſo copies of ſuch Letters as he has received from his Majeſty's Governors on the Continent, and the ſeveral Officers, in Relation to the Expedition; to which he was pleaſed to anſwer, That he would order Copies of the ſaid Letters and Orders to be laid before this Houſe, as ſoon as they could be got ready.

Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to order, prepared an Addreſs to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to, with an Amendment, and is as follows,

SIR,

SIR,

WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, now met in General Aſſembly, return your Honor our Thanks for your Speech at the opening of this Seſſion.

The Deſigns of the *French* to extend their Settlements acroſs this Continent, from the River Saint *Lawrence* to the *Miſſiſippi*, and to ſecure the ſame by Forts built at the moſt convenient Paſſes: The Spirit with which they carry on theſe Deſigns, and their Endeavours at this Time, in Defiance of the moſt ſolemn Treaties, to bring them to Perfection, by invading this Colony, and repelling his Majeſty's Subjects from thoſe Lands, to which he has undoubted Title, muſt create in us the higheſt and moſt becoming Reſentment, at the ſame Time that they demand our moſt ſerious and ſtrict Attention.

And when we reflect on the fatal Tendency of theſe violent Depredations and Encroachments, that, if not timely prevented, they muſt be the Source of the greateſt Miſchiefs and Calamities, to all the *British* Dominions upon this Continent: We cannot at all doubt, but that the other Colonies will exert themſelves in a mutual Aſſiſtance, and unite with us in the Common Cauſe. But whatever they may do, we are determined on our Parts, to withſtand the impending Danger, and to purſue every Meaſure, in our Power, to defeat theſe pernicious Attempts of our Enemies, that we may convince the World we have nothing more at Heart, than a zealous Diſcharge of our Duty to the beſt of Kings, and the ſincereſt Regard for the Safety and true Intereſt of our Country.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame, wait on the Governor to know his Pleaſure, when they ſhall attend his Honor to preſent it.

The order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take under their Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Governor's Speech, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, To-morrow.

A Petition of *Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge*, Gent. was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That he is ſeiſed in Fee-Tail of, and in two Tracts of Land, lying in the County of *King-William*, containing 1743 Acres, and is ſeiſed in Fee Simple of and in 410 Acres of Land adjoining to a large entailed Tract on which he lives, in the County of *Hanover*, and is alſo poſſeſſed of ſundry valuable Slaves: That he conceives it will be greatly to the Advantage of his eldeſt Son, as well as to enable him to make a better Proviſion for his younger Children, if he was allowed to ſell the ſaid intailed Lands in the County of *King-William*, and ſettle the ſaid Fee-Simple Lands in the County of *Hanover*, together with Slaves of greater Value in Lieu thereof, to the ſame Uſes; and praying that a Bill may be brought in for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, to deſire that his Honor will be pleaſed to order to be laid before this Houſe, a Copy of the Capitulation entered into by Colonel *George Waſhington* with the *French* upon the late Engagement; and alſo ſuch Inſtructions and Letters, as he may have received from his Majeſty, in Relation to the *Ohio*, ſince the Meeting of the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, and that Mr *Waller*, and Mr *Landon Carter* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr

Mr *Charles Carter* moved for Leave to bring in a Bill to explain the Act, intituled, *An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, and the Queſtion being put thereupon,

It paſſed in the Negative.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Saturday, August 24th, 1754.

TWO Members returned upon new Writs, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

A Claim of *Joſeph Wyatt*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Richard Womack*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Love*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Martin Picket*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Gordon*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Robert Inge*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Waller* reported, that he had, according to Order, waited on the Governor with the Addreſs of this Houſe, to deſire that his Honor would be pleaſed to order to be laid before this Houſe, a Copy of the Capitulation entered into by Colonel *George Waſhington*, with the *French*, upon the late engagement; and ſuch Letters or Inſtructions as he had received from his Majeſty, in Relation to the *Ohio*, ſince the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, and that his Honor was pleaſed to ſay, That he would order a Copy of the ſaid Capitulation to be laid before the Houſe, as ſoon as it could be got ready; and that he had not received any Inſtructions from his Majeſty, or Letter from any public Officer, in Relation to the *Ohio*, ſince the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

"I am commanded by the Governor to lay before your Houſe, Copies of ſuch Letters and Orders as he has, from Time to Time, given to the reſpective Officers; together with ſuch Letters as he has received from his Majeſty's Governors on the Continent, and the Officers in Relation to the Expedition, with a joint Letter from ſome of the Officers recommending Mr *Peyronie*, for his late Behavior, to his Protection and Favor."

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers do lie on the Table.

Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, waited
7 on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to appoint *Monday* next, and to ſay that he would ſignify by a Meſſage to the Houſe, when he was ready to receive it.

Mr *Pendleton*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, *To dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge *Gentleman, is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*; and the ſaid Bill was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *To impower* Thomas Danſie *to receive Ferriages for tranſporting Paſſengers to and from the Cauſeway oppoſite to his Land, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; and that Mr *Charles Carter* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take under their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee, on *Monday* next.

Ordered,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor to order a new Writ to iſſue, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Weſtmoreland*, in the Room of Mr *Robert Vaulx*, deceaſed, and that Mr *Buſhrode* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

A Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Houſe-keepers of the Pariſh of Saint *Andrew*, in the County of *Brunſwick*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, That by an Act of Aſſembly made in the Twenty Fifth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, the Pariſh of St. *Andrew*, in the County aforeſaid, was divided into two diſtinct Pariſhes, by the Names of Saint *Andrew* and *Meherrin*; that the Sheriff of the ſaid County, was directed by the ſaid Act to ſummon the Freeholders and Houſe-keepers of the ſaid Pariſhes of Saint *Andrew* and *Meherrin*, reſpectively; to elect and chooſe twelve of the moſt able and diſcreet Men of the ſaid Pariſhes, reſpectively, to be Veſtrymen thereof; That the ſaid Sheriff, purſuant to the Directions of the ſaid Act, did ſummon the Freeholders and Houſe-keepers of the ſaid Pariſh of St. *Andrew*, to meet at the Court-Houſe of the ſaid County, on the Day of *July*, 1754, and then and there cauſed Twelve Men to be elected and choſen as Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh of Saint *Andrew*, tho' he did not take their Votes himſelf from the reſpective Voters, but got ſeveral Perſons to procure the Voters to ſign Liſts of the Perſons they voted for, and bring ſuch Liſt to him the ſaid Sheriff, who, (without calling over the Names of the Voters) returned the Veſtrymen according to ſuch Liſts, many of which were taken, and ſome of the Candidates Names eraſed and altered, without the Knowledge or Conſent of ſeveral of the Voters; and praying that the ſaid Veſtry, ſo illegally elected and choſen, may be diſſolved, and another Veſtry elected in the ſaid Pariſh.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Monday, August 26th, 1754.

A MEMBER returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

A Bill *To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge, *Gentleman, is ſeiſed, and ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Landon Carter*, the Members of *King-William* and *Hanover*, and Mr *Power*.

Mr *Charles Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, A Bill *To impower* Thomas Danſie *to receive Ferriages for tranſporting Paſſengers to and from the Cauſeway oppoſite to his Lands*; *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Thomas Penman* Keeper of the Public Goal, ſetting forth, That this Houſe did, at the laſt Seſſion but one of this Aſſembly, alter the Method of the Payment of the Petitioner's Salary by encreaſing the Allowance for maintaining the Priſoners from that Seſſion of Aſſembly to the laſt, when it was again continued, and praying that this Houſe will be pleaſed to continue ſuch Allowance, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the additional Sum of 15£. be paid to the ſaid *Thomas Penman*, every Year, over and above his uſual Salary of 25£.

Reſolved, That Ten Pounds of Tobacco *per* Day, be allowed the ſaid *Thomas Penman*, for every Criminal committed to the ſaid Goal, during ſuch Criminal's Impriſonment, from this Time, to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr

Mr Speaker,

"I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, that his Honor is now ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council-Chamber."

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up, and being returned, reported, That he with the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I THANK you for your Addreſs.

I am very glad that you ſo properly judge of the fatal Conſequences that may follow the violent Depredations and Encroachments of the French.

I have reaſon to expect a mutual Aid from our neighbouring Colonies; I have alſo earneſtly wrote for, and intreated Aſſiſtance of Men, and a Supply of Ordnance Stores from Great-Britain, *in which I have great Hopes of ſucceeding.*

It gives me pleaſure that you are determined to withſtand the impending Danger, and pernicious Attempts of the French: *If you cordially grant ſufficient Supplies, I doubt not, with the Bleſſing of God on our juſt Endeavours, we ſhall be able to defeat the Deſigns of our Enemies.*

Mr Speaker alſo reported that the Governor was pleaſed at the ſame Time to deliver to him ſome original Papers, which he deſired might be laid before the Houſe.

And the ſame were read.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take under their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Papers, Letters, Orders, and Inſtructions, that have been laid before this Houſe by Direction of his Honor the Governor, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take under their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Ten o'Clock.

Tuesday, August 27th, 1754.

A CLAIM of *Richard Warren*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Abraham Whitworth*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Henry Lacey*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Day*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Bill *To impower* Thomas Danſie *to receive Ferriages for tranſporting Paſſengers to and from the Cauſeway oppoſite to his Lands; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Power*, Mr *Adams*, and Mr *Waller*.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee has gone thro' the Gover-

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nor's Speech, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report be put off 'till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Wednesday, August 28th, 1754.

THE Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report made Yeſterday from the Committee of the whole Houſe, which was referred to be conſidered this Day, and the ſame being read, was agreed to with ſome Amendments, and is as follows,

Reſolved, That Twenty Thouſand Pounds be raiſed for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony, againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the *French*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Thursday, August 29th, 1754.

MR. *Pendleton* reported, That the Committee to whom the Bill *To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge, *Gentleman, is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was committed; had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place; and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Mr *Charles Carter*, according to Order, laid before the Houſe a Journal of the Proceedings of the Committee appointed by the Act *For the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie on the Table.

Upon a Motion made,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe Twenty Thouſand Pounds, agreeable to Yeſterday's Reſolution; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had come to two Reſolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds be raiſed for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony, againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the *French*, be raiſed by a Poll-Tax.

Reſolved, That two Shillings *per* Poll, be levied and accounted for, on the Tenth Day of *December* next; and that three Shillings, or Thirty Pounds of Tobacco, be levied and accounted for on the laſt Day of *July* next.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions; and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Power*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Lomax*, and Mr *Landon Carter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame. Mr *Power* reported, That the Committee to whom 11
the Bill, *To impower* Thomas Danſie *to receive Ferriages for tranſporting Paſſengers to and from the Cauſeway oppoſite to his Land, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was committed, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and that they had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *To prevent Mutiny and Deſertion*; and it is referred to the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill purſuant to the Reſolutions of the Committee this Day agreed to by the Houſe, to prepare and bring in the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Friday, August 30th, 1754.

A CLAIM of *John Peyton*, Aſſignee of *John Gibſon*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Harriſon Gammon*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Cuthbert Hubberd*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of *Arthur Smith*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, Proprietor of the Lots in the Town of *Smithfield*, whereon the public Warehouſes were ordered to be built, had, at his own Expence, erected and compleatly finiſhed a Warehouſe, with Locks, Prizes, *&c.* Forty Four Feet ſquare, which was ſoon afterwards burnt, with ſeveral Hogſheads of Tobacco, to the Petitioner's Loſs at leaſt Sixty Pounds, and praying ſuch Relief as this Houſe ſhould think reaſonable.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petititon be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of *William Hunter*, Printer, ſetting forth, That his Salary as Printer to this Houſe, will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and praying that the ſame may be continued to him, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Reſolved, That the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds *per Annum*, be allowed to *William Hunter*, Printer, from the End of this preſent Seſſion, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr Attorney do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor to order a new Writ to iſſue, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Fairfax*, in the Room of Mr *Hugh Weſt*, deceaſed, and that Mr *Fairfax* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs,

12 Upon a Motion made.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to his Majeſty, to expreſs our Loyalty and Attachment to his Royal and Illuſtrious Perſon and Family; to repreſent to him the unhappy Situation of our Country, and that nothwithſtanding our Endeavours at the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, by granting an Aid of Ten Thouſand Pounds, to protect and defend his Majeſty's Subjects of this his moſt ancient Colony, the ſame having proved ineffectual, we are now under the Neceſſity of raiſing the greater Sum for that Purpoſe, at a Time, when our Poverty is ſo great, that we have no other Means of doing the ſame, but by a Poll-Tax, very grievous and burthenſome to the People, and to intreat his Royal Favor, and immediate Aſſiſtance towards the Defence of this Colony.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Carter Burwell*, and Mr *Waller* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council, to acquaint them, that this Houſe have appointed Six of their Members to draw up the ſaid Addreſs to his Majeſty, and to

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desire that they will join and appoint a Committee of their Members to assist therein, and that Mr *Carter* do go up with the said Message.

Upon a Motion made,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to his Honor the Governor, to express the just Sense this House have of his Concern for the Safety of this Dominion; and to return him their unfeigned Thanks for his Condescension, in readily laying before this House his Book of Letters and Instructions to the Officers of the Forces sent out upon the Expedition to the *Ohio*, by which it appears he has taken the most prudent Measures, and given the most proper Orders for defeating the Designs of the *French*.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address to the Governor, pursuant to the said Resolution, and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr Attorney, and Mr *Lomax* to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee appointed, according to order, presented to the House, a Bill, *For raising the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, for the Protection of his Majesty's Subjects in this Colony, against the Insults and Encroachments of the* French; and the same was read the first Time, and ordered to be read a second Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That an humble Address be made to the Governor, to desire that his Honor will be pleased to promote Mr *William Peyronie*, in the *Virginia* Regiment, for his late gallant Behaviour, and that Mr *Landon Carter* do wait on him with the said Address.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *For paying the Burgesses Wages in Money, for this present Session of Assembly*, and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter* to prepare and bring in the same.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this House be given to Colonel *George Washington*, Captain *Mackay* of his Majesty's independent Company, and Officers under his Command; 13
Major *Adam Stephens*; Captains *Robert Stobo, Peter Hog, Andrew Lewis, George Mercer*; Lieutenants *Thomas Wagener, William Polson, John Savage, James Towers*; Ensigns *William Bronough, John Mercer, William Peyronie*, and *James Craig*, for their late gallant and brave Behaviour in the Defence of their Country; and that the Speaker be desired to write to Colonel *Washington* to acquaint him of the same, to desire him to inform the Gentlemen of it, and to communicate to the Soldiers the just sense this House has of their Bravery also.

Mr *Bland* reported, that the Committee appointed had, according to order prepared an Address to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the same was again twice read, and agreed to, and as is follows,

SIR,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects the Burgesses of *Virginia*, now met in General Assembly, beg Leave to assure your Honor, that we entertain the justest Sense of your Concern for the Safety of this Dominion; and to return your Honor our unfeigned Thanks for your Condescension, in readily laying before us, your Book of Letters and Instructions to the Officers of the Forces sent out upon the Expedition to the *Ohio*, by which it appears you have given the most proper Orders, and pursued the most prudent Measures for defeating the Designs of the *French*.

Ordered, That the said Address be fairly transcribed, and presented by the whole House.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the same, wait on the Governor to know his Pleasure, when they shall attend his Honor to present it.

An engrossed Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* Nathaniel West Dandridge *Gentleman, is seised, for and settling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the same Uses*; was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have appointed Three of their Members to meet, and in Conjunction with thoſe appointed by this Houſe, to prepare an Addreſs to his Majeſty, purſuant to the Reſolution of this Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower* Thomas Danſie *to receive Ferriages for tranſporting Paſſengers to and from the Cauſeway oppoſite to his Land, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Power* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee appointed, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill *To prevent Mutiny and Deſertion*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

14 Upon a Motion made,

A Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds, for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony, againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report be put off 'till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Saturday, August 31ſt, 1754.

MR. *Landon Carter* reported, That he had according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor, with the Addreſs of this Houſe, to deſire that his Honor would be pleaſed to promote Mr *William Peyronie*, in the *Virginia* Regiment, for his gallant Behaviour in the late Engagement, to which his Honor anſwered, that he would promote him, and was pleaſed that the Sentiments of this Houſe concurred with his own.

Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to order, waited on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to appoint this Day, and to ſay that he would ſignify by a Meſſage to the Houſe, when he was ready to receive it.

Mr *Charles Carter*, reported, that the joint Committee of the Members of the Council, and of this Houſe, appointed, had prepared an Addreſs to his Majeſty, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and that Mr *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the ſame, and have ſent it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill *To prevent Mutiny and Deſertion*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the ſaid Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr

Mr Speaker,

"I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, that his Honor is now ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council-Chamber."

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up, and being returned, reported, That he with the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer, 15

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I RETURN my ſincere Thanks for your kind Addreſs.

The proſperity, Safety, and Happineſs, of this Dominion, is, and ſhall be, my conſtant Study.

It gives me Pleaſure and Satisfaction to obſerve your Approbation of the Inſtructions given by me to the Officers on the Ohio *Expedition, and the Operations I have, from Time to Time, directed and ordered, for defeating the Deſigns, and unjuſt Incroachments of the* French.

You may be aſſured, I ſhall continue to do every Thing in my Power, and to the beſt of my Capacity, in bringing this juſt Expedition to an happy and agreeable End.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe.*

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower* Thomas Danſie *to receive Ferriages for tranſporting Paſſengers to and from the Cauſeway oppoſite to his Land; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge, *Gentleman, is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes.*

Alſo to the Reſolve for allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, Three Hundred Pounds *per Annum*, from the End of this preſent Seſſion, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services, without any Amendment.

A written Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe.*

Mr Speaker,

"The Independent Companies from *New York* and *South Carolina*, being, upon their "Arrival, in Want of Proviſion and other Neceſſaries, I gave Orders for their immediate "and conſtant Supply.

"Theſe Forces were commanded here by his Majeſty, to defend and protect this "Dominion, from the Encroachments and cruel Inſults of the *French*: Agreeably there- "fore to the Practice of his Majeſty's other Plantations, who always provide Proviſions "and Neceſſaries for his Majeſty's Forces, when they are in actual Service, the Accounts "were laid before the Committee, who diſallowed thereof. I am therefore obliged to "refer them to the Conſideration of your Houſe. As I am fully of Opinion it would be "a grievous Hardſhip to this Country, in our preſent Situation, to maintain Forces that "probably may be hereafter ſent out to our Aſſiſtance, I have in the moſt preſſing Man- "ner deſired proper Power to draw for their Subſiſtance, in which I have ſtrong Hopes.

"Beſides the Accounts above mentioned Captain *Whitwell* has a Demand of Forty "Seven Pounds, Six Shillings *Sterling* for the Pilotage of his Majeſty's Ship *Triton*, to 16 "*Alexandria*, with the Troops from *New-York*, as alſo *George Burnett*, Purſer of the ſaid "Ship, a Demand of Forty one Pounds, Nine Shillings and Two Pence for victualling the "ſaid Troops."

Ordered, That the ſaid Meſſage to be taken into Conſideration on *Monday* next.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, *was committed*, which was made Yeſterday, and referred to the Conſideration

eration of this Day, and the ſame being again read, was agreed to with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, as amended, be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Ten o'Clock.

Monday, September 2d, 1754.

A CLAIM of *Elizabeth Dendy* Executrix of *Charles Dendy*, deceaſed, for two Slaves taken up by the ſaid *Charles*, in his Lifetime, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Landon Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony, againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, *was read the third Time*, an Amendment made to the Title of it, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent Mutiny and Deſertion*, was read the Third time, an Amendment made to the Title, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Upon a Motion made,

A Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into their Conſideration the written Meſſage from the Governor, delivered on *Saturday* laſt.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Meſſage, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That
17 the Committee had had the ſaid Meſſage under their Conſideration, and had come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow,

Reſolved, That an humble addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor to expreſs the juſt Senſe we entertain of His Majeſty's paternal Care, in ordering the independent Companies from *New-York* and *South-Carolina* to this Colony, for our Defence and Protection from the Encroachments and cruel Inſults of the *French*; and to aſſure his Honor, that nothing but the extreme Poverty of the People of this Colony, already labouring under grievous and heavy Taxes, could induce us to diſagree to the paying for the Proviſions and other Neceſſaries for thoſe Companies; and as our Circumſtances are ſuch, we doubt not but his Majeſty will be graciouſly pleaſed to extend his Goodneſs toward us, and order ſuch Proviſions and other Neceſſaries to be paid for out of ſuch Supplies as are provided by Parliament for the Support and Maintenance of theſe Forces.

Reſolved, That the Demand made by the Captain *Matthew Whitwell* Commander of his Majeſty's Ship *Triton*, of Forty Seven Pounds, Six Shillings *Sterling* for the Pilotage of the ſaid Ship from *Hampton*-Road, to *Alexandria*, with the *New-York* independent Companies; as alſo the Demand of *George Burnett*, Purſer of the ſaid Ship, for the Sum of Forty one Pounds, Nine Shillings and Two Pence for victualling the ſaid Forces in their ſaid Paſſage; are in no Sort chargeable on the Inhabitants of this Colony, ſince the

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ſaid Ship and Forces belonged to his Majeſty, and were immediately in his Service, and we doubt not but they will be demanded and allowed in *Great-Britain.*"

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Moor*, and Mr *Bland* do wait on the Governor with the ſaid Reſolutions.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Tuesday, September 3d, 1754.

A PETITION from ſundry Inhabitants of the upper Part of the County of *Auguſta*, was preſented to the Houſe and received, ſetting forth, That by Reaſon of ſeveral Depredations and Outrages committed by the *French*, on their Frontiers, and no Steps entered into to prevent and repel thoſe Hoſtilities and Encroachments, many of His Majeſty's worthy Subjects have been obliged to deſert and abandon their Habitations, and it is ſuppoſed many more will follow their Example; that the Succeſſes of the *French* in the late Engagement with the *Virginia* Regiment has greatly alarmed and terrified them; that ſeveral *Indians* have lately been diſcovered lurking about, and doing Miſchief to the People, and that unleſs timely Meaſures be taken, their Country will be expoſed to the continual Inroads and Moleſtations of the Eenemy, and in the End become an eaſy Conqueſt to them, and praying the ſpeedy Aid and Aſſiſtance of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe have already provided for the Safety and Protection of the Frontiers of this Colony, agreeable to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, by paſſing a Bill, intituled *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection* 18
his Majeſty's Subjects, in this Colony, againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the French.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent the Council, to acquaint them of the ſaid Petition and Reſolution, and to deſire they will expedite the paſſing the ſaid Bill, and thereby relieve the People from their dreadful Apprehenſions, and prevent the Attempts of the *French*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Wednesday, September 4th, 1754.

A WRITTEN Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

"In Anſwer to the Meſſage in Writing juſt now ſent up from your Houſe, the Council acquaint you, that the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds, for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony, againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; being loaded with a Clauſe deſigned to compel their Aſſent to the Payment of the Sum of Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds, which your Houſe had ſingly voted in a late Seſſion, to be paid to an Agent by them appointed contrary to the ancient and known Conſtitution of this Colony, and to the juſt and long eſtabliſhed Right which the Council have, of concurring in, or diſagreeing to every Vote for the Diſpoſition of public Money, the Council have thought it more prudent and juſtifiable in them, to reject the Bill, than to ſuffer ſuch an Alteration in the Conſtitution to take Effect. And the Council cannot help expreſſing their Concern, that the Burgeſſes ſhould place the Safety and Preſervation of their Country, on the ſame Footing with the Payment of the Sum of Money, which the Burgeſſes themſelves, by adding this Clauſe to the Bill, acknowledge to have been by them ordered to be paid, contrary to the known Conſtitution of this Country.

The Council hope, that the Burgeſſes will not, upon further Conſideration, mingle two ſuch different Points in the ſame Bill, but that they will proceed to the paſſing ſome other

other Bill more agreeable to the Conſtitution, for the Security of our Frontiers, in this Time of extreme Danger, in which the Burgeſſes may depend on the Council's hearty Concurrence.

That the Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the written Meſſage from the Council, and thereupon

Reſolved, That the adding the Clauſe to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony, againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, referred to in the ſaid written Meſſage, is agreeable to the Uſage of Parliament, and in nowiſe tends to the Alteration of our Conſtitution.

Reſolved, That the Council's having refected the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, *and for other Purpoſes therein*
19 *mentioned*; at this Time of great and imminent Danger and thereby leaving the Country expoſed to the Ravages of the *French* and *Indians*, is highly injurious to his Majeſty's Intereſt and the Safety of this Colony.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the inrolled Bills, of the following Perſons, *viz.* M^r *Bland*, and M^r *Pendleton*.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That a moſt loyal Addreſs be made to his Majeſty to expreſs our ſincere Attachment to his Royal Perſon, and illuſtrious Houſe, and humbly to repreſent our deep Concern, that the Supplies neceſſary for the Defence of this Colony againſt the Invaſions and Encroachments of the *French*, ſhould be interrupted by a Diſpute with the Council, occaſioned by their refuſing to paſs a Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds, for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony, againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned; on Account of a Clauſe inſerted in it by this Houſe, for paying *Peyton Randolph*, Eſquire, Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds, as Agent for ſolliciting the Affairs of this Colony, in *Great-Britain*, and in the moſt dutiful Manner to lay before him, our Reaſons for inſerting the ſaid Clauſe.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to his Majeſty, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to M^r *Landon Carter*, M^r *Bland*, M^r *Charles Carter*, M^r *Pendleton*, and M^r *Dewey*, to prepare and bring in the ſaid Addreſs.

M^r *Landon Carter* reported, that the Committee appointed had, according to Order prepared an Addreſs to be preſented to his Majeſty, purſuant to the Reſolution this Day made by the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be inrolled and ſigned by the Speaker, and tranſmitted to our Agent in *Great-Britain*, to be preſented to his Majeſty.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Sums following, be paid to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, reſpectively.

To M^r *John Randolph*, Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,		90£.
To M^r *Walthoe*, Clerk of the General Aſſembly,		40
To the Reverend M^r *Stith*, Chaplain,		20
To M^r *Eppes*, Serjeant at Arms,		30
To the Door-Keeper of the Council,		6
To *William Francis*,		6
To *Robert Wagner*,		6
To *Andrew Lindſay*,	Door-Keepers to the Houſe,	6
To *Thomas Broadrib*,		6
To *James Lavie*,		6
To M^r *John Palmer*, for his Services,		10

Ordered, That M^r *Landon Carter* do carry the ſaid Reſolve to the Council for their Concurrence.

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A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Reſolve for paying the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, the reſpective Sums of Money therein mentioned.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent Mutiny and Deſertion, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe. 20

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments, and the ſame being read, were diſagreed to all but one.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to one of the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and diſagreed to the others, and deſire they will paſs the Bill with the Amendments agreed to.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Thursday, September 5th, 1754.

A MESSAGE from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they inſiſt on their Amendments diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill intituled, *An Act to prevent Mutiny and Deſertion*, and deſire this Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement thereto.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments inſiſted on by the Council, and diſagreed to by the Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent Mutiny and Deſertion*, and the ſame being read.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do inſiſt on their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them therewith, and that this Houſe deſire they will paſs the Bill with the Amendments as agreed to by the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have receded from one of the Amendments by them propoſed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent Mutiny and Deſertion*, and that they adhere to their other Amendments diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the ſaid Bill, and deſire this Houſe will recede from their ſaid Diſagreement.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Amendments adhered to by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent Mutiny and Deſertion*, and the ſame being read,

Reſolved, That this Houſe do adhere to their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendments.

Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, examined the inrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly inrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the inrolled Bills to the Council for their Inſpection.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they bave inſpected the inrolled Bills, and are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

"The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council-Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent."

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, 21

1. *An Act to impower* Thomas Danſie *to receive Ferriages for tranſporting Paſſengers to and from the Cauſeway oppoſite to his Land, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*
2. *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands, whereof* Nathaniel Weſt Dandridge, *Gentleman, is ſeiſed, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes.*
3. *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

And

And likewiſe to the following Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes which the Council had agreed to *viz.*

For allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, Three Hundred Pounds *per Annum*, from the End of this preſent Seſſion, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

And for paying the ſeveral Sums following, to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly reſpectively.

To Mr *John Randolph*, Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,.....90£.
To Mr *Walthoe*, Clerk of the General Aſſembly,.....40
To the Reverend Mr *Stith*, Chaplain,.....20
To Mr *Eppes*, Serjeant at Arms,.....30
To the Door-Keeper of the Council,..... 6
To *William Francis*, ...6
To *Robert Wager*, ...6
To *Andrew Lindſay*, Door-Keepers to the Houſe,..... 6
To *Thomas Broadrib*, ...6
To *James Lavie*, ...6
To Mr *John Palmer*, for his Services, ... 10

And then his Honor was pleaſed to make the following SPEECH.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

THE impending Danger from the violent Incurſions of the *French*, their Threats and Depredations, were the only Motives of calling you together at this Time. And as the Lives, Liberties and Properties of your Conſtituents are in ſuch imminent Hazard, I did not in the leaſt doubt, but that you would, before this, have ſtrengthened my Hands with a proper Supply, to fruſtrate their Malicious Intentions: And eſpecially, when I received from you, ſuch ſtrong and repeated Aſſurances, that you "Were determined, on your Parts, to withſtand the impending Danger, and to "purſue every Meaſure in your Power, to defeat theſe pernicious Attempts of your Ene-"mies." I thought I might reaſonably admit the pleaſing Hopes, that "You would "effectually provide for your Country's Preſervation, and convince the World, that you "had Nothing more at Heart, than a zealous Diſcharge of your Duty to the beſt of Kings,
22 "and the ſincereſt Regard for your Country's Welfare."

How great then, *Gentlemen*, muſt be my Surprize, and with what Amazement muſt that Country, and the World, ſee ſuch high Expectations caſt down ſo low! See you called upon in the Day of your Country's Diſtreſs; hear you declaring your Knowledge of her Danger, and profeſſing the moſt ardent Zeal for her Service; yet find theſe Declarations only an unavailing Flouriſh of Words; and that, inconſiſtent with them, and the Purpoſes of your Meeting, you withhold your Aid, and thereby leave the Enemy at full Liberty to perpetrate their deſtructive and unjuſt Deſigns.

The independent Companies, ordered by his Majeſty, cloathed and paid by him, and now employed in your immediate Defence; you abſolutely, by your Reſolve to me, deny Subſiſtance to; A Thing unprecedented in any of his Majeſty's Dominions, where they have been employed in their Defence, from Incurſions or threatened Invaſions.

I have my Maſter's Service, and the Safety and Honor of *Virginia*, ſo much, and ſo truly at Heart, that I cannot but be deeply affected at a Conduct ſo contrary to her Intereſt; and not altogether unconcerned for you, *Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*, that you ſhould appear in ſo bad a Light to his Majeſty, and give ſuch ill Impreſſions to the neighbouring Colonies.

However, as I find you are determined not to do, what your Duty to his Majeſty, and the preſent obvious Danger, indeſpenſably require; I think it proper, to avoid aggravating unneceſſary Expences, particularly inconvenient at this Time; and therefore, to put an End to your longer Continuance here, I do prorogue you to the Seventeenth Day of *October*; and you are accordingly prorogued to that Time.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 1754.

A MESSAGE from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr Speaker,

The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of your Houſe in the Council Chamber.

Acccordingly, Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend the Governor;

And being returned, he reported that the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which he had to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the Houſe, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

I ONCE more call you together, to conſult on the dangerous Situation of your Country, from the unjuſtifiable Invaſion and Encroachments of the *French*; and I am in Hopes, that during your ſhort Receſs, you have ſeriously conſidered the miſerable Circumſtances of your Affairs, and, in Courſe, the abſolute Neceſſity of granting immediate, conſiderable, and adequate Supplies; to enable me to put a Stop to their injurious Deſigns, and to drive them from his Majeſty's Lands upon the *Ohio*.

I have the Pleaſure to acquaint you, that his Majeſty, conſidering the pernicious
2 Meaſures taken by the *French*, and the great Regard he bears for his Subjects in these Colonies, has been graciously pleaſed to ſend me Ten Thouſand Pounds *Sterling* in Specie, and alſo to order from his Royal Stores, Two Thousand Stand of Arms, with their proper Accoutrements, which I daily expect the Arrival of, for your Aid and Uſe.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

Theſe diſtinguiſhed Marks of His Majeſty's paternal Care for His Subjects in these Colonies; His Solicitude for their Safety; and His earneſt Deſires to defeat the Deſigns of the *French*; I hope will raiſe in you a juſt Senſe of Duty and Gratitude to the beſt of Kings, and engage your more effectual Attention to his Majeſty's repeated Commands for granting Supplies.

The Voice of Nature, *Gentlemen*, and what you are ſenſible is among the moſt prevailing Motives of human Actions, your own Intereſt, loudly call on you with the moſt urging Emphaſis, to rouſe from your Inactivity and aſſert their Rights.

And

And can you continue deaf to ſuch Intreaties? Shall your Poſterity, groaning under the galling Yoke of civil and religious Slavery, deſpoiled of every Thing that renders Life deſirable, amidſt their Deſpondence, find their Miſery ſtill aggravated by reflecting on the Cauſe? That their own Progenitors, who might have tranſmitted to them inviolated, the Liberties, the Properties, and the pure Religion that they enjoyed; by a Supineneſs and Neglect, as unaccountable as it was unnatural, ſuffered all to be taken from them!

Gentlemen, The Eyes of His Majeſty, His Miniſtry, nay, of all your Fellow-Subjects, are fixed on your preſent Determinations. I wiſh I had Words ſtrong enough to convey to you the abſolute Neceſſity there is at this Time for a generous Supply; but Words cannot be ſo ſtrong as Facts. Conſider what the Enemy have done, and what they further threaten to do; and I am convinced that is ſufficient to raiſe the Spirit of every *Britiſh* Subject to an immediate Reſentment, and thorough Reſolution, with their Lives and Fortunes, to repel the impending Ruin.

Let me prevail with you then, *Gentlemen*, to prevent Evils, that, but in Proſpect, muſt affect every ſerious Conſiderer with Horror; and be purſuaded to exert the true Spirit of Patriotiſm, and convince the World that no Motive can impede, or any Conſideration whatever, obſtruct, the great and important Buſineſs now recommended to your Conſideration.

It is at this Time, that, by an Exertion of your Strength, you may anſwer the Expectation of His Majeſty, promote the Intereſt of *Great Britain*, ſecure the Peace and Happineſs of your Country, and by a brave, vigorous and united Effort, entirely defeat the Machinations of *France*, the ancient Enemy of *Great-Britain*, and the Diſturber of Mankind.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

At this critical Juncture, I ſincerely recommend to you, Harmony and Unanimity, ever propitious to public Counſels, never more indiſpenſably neceſſary than on this Occaſion. Let all Cavils and Diſputes ſubſide, and cordially unite in concerting the moſt ſuitable Meaſures to be purſued in the preſent evident Emergency. For my Part, I do aſſure you that I will, with the greateſt Pleaſure, join with you in every Step you take 3
for theſe juſt and ſalutary Purpoſes, agreeable to my Inſtructions.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor, to return him our Thanks for his Speech to the Council and this Houſe at the Opening of this Seſſion; to acknowledge the due Senſe we have of his Majeſty's paternal Regard for this Colony, and alſo to aſſure his Honor that we will proceed with all imaginable Unanimity and Concord amongſt ourſelves, in every Conſultation for the Good and Welfare of this Country.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the Governor, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Martin*, and Mr *Power*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Several Members returned upon new Writs, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Governor's Speech into Conſideration, To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr *William Stith*, be continued Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at Ten o'Clock.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Door-Keepers of this Houſe be continued in their reſpective Offices, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

FRIDAY,

Friday, October 18th, 1754.

A Member returned upon a new Writ having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegi[ance] and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions, as were referred from the laſt, to this Seſſion of Aſſembly; and alſo all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions, as ſhall be certified to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony do lay his Accounts before the Houſe.

Mr *Landon Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order prepared an Addreſs to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to, and is as follows,

SIR,

WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, now met in General Aſſembly, beg Leave to return your Honor Thanks for your Speech to the Council and this Houſe, at the Opening of this Seſſion. The Aſſiſtance that His Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to grant to the Subjects of this Colony, againſt the pernicious Attempts of the *French*, hath juſtly excited in us the warmeſt Sentiments of Duty and Gratitude for this His paternal Regard.

The Welfare of our Country, as it is indeed a natural Inducement, ſo it hath ever been the only governing Motive in all our Reſolutions, however illy they have been repreſented. And your Honor may be aſſured that we will continue to proceed with ſuch Unanimity and Concord amongſt ourſelves, as may render our Conſultations for the public Good, conducive to that truly wiſe an ſalutary End.

Being thus fully perſuaded of the Juſtice of our own Endeavours, we flatter ourſelves, Sir, that our Proceedings in every Caſe, will be ſuch an undeniable Teſtimony to Poſterity of our ſtrict Attachment to their Rights and Properties, that ſhould they ever be ſo unhappy as to groan under the galling Yoke of civil and religious Oppreſſion, it could not be the Effect of any Inactivity, Supineneſs, or Neglect in us, the faithful Guardians of their Liberties.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame, wait on the Governor to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhall attend his Honor to preſent it.

A Petition of ſundry Freeholders, Houſe-keepers and Inhabitants on the *South* Side the *Fluvanna* River, in *Albemarle* County, lying above *Rack*-Iſland Creek, between the ſaid River, and the County of *Bedford*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That the large Extent of the ſaid County of *Albemarle*, renders it very inconvenient to the Petitioners, in travelling to the Courts of the ſaid County, where they are often obliged to attend; and praying that that Part of the ſaid County of *Albemarle*, lying above *Rack* Iſland Creek, may be added to the County of *Bedford*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Randolph*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Lunenburg*, in the Room of the honorable *William Byrd*, Eſq; appointed one of his Majeſty's Council of this Colony, and that Mr *Waller* wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

A Claim of *James Lindſay* for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of *John Armiſtead*, and *Anna Armiſtead*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That *William Kendall* formerly of the County of *Northampton*, now deceaſed, being ſeiſed in Fee-Simple of 700 Acres of Land, with the Appurtenances, lying on *Cherry-ſtone* Creek in the ſaid County, did, by Deed bearing Date the firſt Day of *Auguſt* 1685, in conſideration of the Love and Affection he bore to his well-beloved Son in Law, *Hancock Lee*, and his dearly beloved Daughter *Mary* his Wife, and in conſideration of five Shillings *Sterling*, did give, grant, aſſign and confirm, to the ſaid *Hancock Lee*, and *Mary* his Wife, the ſaid 700 Acres of Land, to hold to the ſaid *Hancock Lee* and *Mary* his Wife during their natural Lives, and the Survivor of them, and after their Deceaſe to his Grand-Daughter *Anna Lee*, Daughter of the ſaid *Hancock* and *Mary* his Wife, and the Heirs Male of her Body lawfully begotten for ever, That the petitioner *Anna* the Daughter of the ſaid *Hancock Lee* and *Mary* his Wife, in the ſaid Deed mentioned, married one *William Armiſtead*, now deceaſed, and had Iſſue by him *John Armiſtead* now alſo deceaſed, her eldeſt Son, and Heir at Law, who left Iſſue the Petitioner *John*, his eldeſt Son, and Heir at Law, who will, after the Death of the Petitioner *Anna* be entitled to the ſaid 700 Acres of Land, in Tail-male. That the Petitioner *John*, by his Father's Will, is obliged to pay ſeveral conſiderable Legacies, which are now become due, and he is unable to pay the ſame without ſelling ſome of his Land. That he hath contracted with *Littleton Eyre*, of the County of *Northampton*, Gent. for the Sale of the ſaid 700 Acres of Land for the Conſideration of 850 *l.* which the ſaid *Eyre* hath actually paid to the Sheriff of *Glouceſter* County, to diſcharge him from an Execution he was under for one of the ſaid Legacies, and praying that an Act may paſs for veſting the ſaid 700 Acres of Land, with the Appurtenances in the ſaid *Littleton Eyre*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to M^r *Waller*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

M^r *Randolph* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For adding Part of the County of* Albemarle, *to the County of* Bedford, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for taking the Governor's Speech into Conſideration be put off till To-morrow,

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, October 19th, 1754.

MR. *Landon Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, waited on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure, when this Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to appoint *Monday* next, and to ſay that he would ſignify by a Meſſage to the Houſe, when he was ready to receive it.

A Bill *For adding Part of the County of* Albemarle, *to the County of* Bedford, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to M^r *Randolph*, M^r *Bland*, M^r *Lomax*, M^r *Bolling*, M^r *Jefferſon*, M^r *Phelps*, M^r *Calloway*, M^r *Payne*, and M^r *Carrington*.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Fairfax* County, praying a Diviſion of their County, was prefented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the Order of the Day for taking the Governor's Speech into Conſideration, be put off till *Monday* next.

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6 A Claim of *Thomas Andrews* for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning at Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, October 21ſt, 1754.

A Member returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oaths of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Randolph*, reported, That the Committee to whom the Bill *For adding Part of the County of* Albemarle, *to the County of* Bedford, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

A Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr Speaker,

"I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, that his Honor is now ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council-Chamber.

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up, and being returned, reported, that he with the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer;

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I Thank you for your Addreſs, and your grateful Acknowledgement of His Majeſty's paternal Care in granting Aſſiſtance to you in theſe Times of Danger.

Let Openneſs of Heart, mutual Confidence, and a Delight for the Proſperity of your Country, increaſe our Happineſs; and I doubt not you will now conſult the moſt eſſential Methods to extricate ourſelves from the threatened Ruin intended by our Enemies.

And I ſincerely wiſh and deſire that generous Benevolence, Love, and Friendſhip, may be the prevailing Principles of all your public Tranſactions.

A Petition of *Thompſon Swann*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That one *William Thompſon*, formerly of the County of *Nanſemond*, and Pariſh of *Suffolk*, being ſeiſed in Fee-Simple of 300 Acres of Land, or thereabouts, in the ſaid Pariſh and County, did, by his Laſt Will and Teſtament, bearing Date the Eighteenth Day of *April* One Thouſand Six Hundred and Eighty Six, deviſe the ſame to his Daughter
7 *Elizabeth* in Fee-Tail, That the ſaid *Elizabeth* married one *Thomas Swann*, and had Iſſue by him, *Thomas Swann*, his eldeſt Son and Heir at Law; which laſt mentioned *Thomas Swann* had Iſſue the Petitioner, his Heir at Law, who is now ſeiſed of the ſaid Land in Fee-tail: That the Petitioner being appointed Clerk of the Court of the County of *Cumberland*, is obliged to reſide there at a great Diſtance from the Land aforeſaid, and hath lately purchaſed 300 Acres of Land, of one *Joſeph Boſwell*, being convenient to the Petitioner's Place of Habitation, which Land, together with ſix Slaves, he is willing to ſettle to the ſame Uſes the Land in the County of *Nanſemond* is now limitted; and conceives it will be greatly to the Advantage of him and his Poſterity to dock the Intail of the ſaid Lands in *Nanſemond*, and ſettle the ſaid Lands, ſo purchaſed by the Petitioner, with Slaves of greater Value in Lieu thereof, and praying that a Bill may be brought in for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Riddick* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of *Joſeph Bridger*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That he is ſeiſed in Fee-Tail of a certain Tract of Land lying in the Pariſh of *Newport*, in the County of *Iſle of Wight*, called *White*-Marſh, containing by Eſtimation 1700 Acres, and alſo of one other Tract of Land lying in the Pariſh and County aforeſaid, called *Curawoak*, containing by Eſtimation, 7800 Acres; that the ſaid Tract of Land called *Curawoak*, is very mean Land and of little Value to the Petitioner, and that he conceives it will be greatly to the Advantage of him and his Poſterity, and thoſe claiming next in Remainder and Reverſion after him, if he was enabled to ſell the ſaid Lands called *Currawoak*, and to lay out the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale, in Slaves to be annexed to the ſaid Land called *White*-Marſh, and to ſettle the ſame to the ſame Uſes as he is now thereof ſeiſed, and praying that a Bill may be brought in for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Riddick* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, praying that the Number of Tobacco Plants may be reduced, and that this Houſe will aſcertain how many Plants every Perſon employed in making Tobacco may be allowed to tend, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Buſhrode*, Mr *Johnſon*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Payne*, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Jefferſon*, Mr *Lomax*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Power*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, to receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes for leſſening the Officers Fees.

Three Claims of *Alexander Finnie*, for taking up Runaways therein mentioned, were preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of *Thomas Penman* Keeper of the Public Goal, ſetting forth, That this 8
Houſe did at the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, alter the Method of the Payment of the Petitioner's Salary, by encreaſing the Allowance for maintaining the Priſoners, from that Seſſion of Aſſembly to the next, and praying that this Houſe will be pleaſed to continue ſuch Allowance, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to take into their Conſideration the Governor's Speech,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take under their Conſideration the ſaid Speech.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the ſaid Speech, and after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows;

Reſolved, That the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds be raiſed for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects, againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the *French*.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to conſider of Ways and Means, to raiſe the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds, purſuant to the Reſolution of the Committee this Day agreed to by the Houſe, To-morrow.

Mr *Riddick*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Joſeph Bridger *is ſeiſed as Tenant in Fee-Tail, and to ſell the ſame in Fee-Simple, and lay out the Money ariſing by ſuch ſale in Slaves to be annexed to other entailed Lands therein mentioned.*

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Alſo a Bill *For docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* Nanſemond, *and veſting the ſame in* Thompſon Swann *in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bills do lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Eleven o'Clock.

Tuesday, October 22d, 1754.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants on the *South* Side of the *Fluvanna* River, in the County of *Albemarle*, ſetting forth, That the large Extent of their County, and their great Diſtance from the Court-houſe, renders their Attendance at the Courts of the ſaid County, very inconvenient and burthenſome to them, and praying a Diviſion of the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Claim of *John Lee* for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *John Murray* for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Crawley* for the ſame Service.

Alſo two Claims of *Thomas Bowlware* for the ſame Services.

Alſo a Claim of *John Short* for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Ambroſe Ballard* for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Treaſurer, according to Order, laid his Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie on the Table, for the Peruſal of the Members of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer's Accounts be referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Johnſon*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Mr *Wormeley*, Mr *William Digges*, and Mr *Dudley Digges*, and that they do examine the ſeveral Articles thereof, and report the Ballance as it ſhall appear to them to the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for adding Part of the Counties of* Albemarle, *to the County of* Bedford, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Randolph* do carry it to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Mr *Waller*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For veſting 700 Acres of Land, with the Appurtenances, lying on* Cherriſtone's *Creek, in the Pariſh of* Hungar's, *and County of* Northampton, *in* Littleton Eyre, *Gent. in Fee-Simple*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *John Herndon*, and *Philip Peyton*, ſetting forth, That they had, by Order of the Court of *Spotſylvania* County, attended the General Court, as Witneſſes for the King, upon a Proſecution againſt one *Andrew Crawford*, and had entered their Attendance in the Secretary's Office, but that their Attendance was omitted to be certified to the General Aſſembly, by Means whereof they have not yet received the uſual Allowance to Witneſſes for the King, and praying that this Houſe will take the ſame into their Conſideration, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Princeſs-Anne*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That their Lands being very poor, and but ſmall Quantities of Tobacco made there, they are ſubjected to great Impoſitions in the Diſcharge of their Tobacco Debts, and praying that a Bill may be brought in to impower the Court of the ſaid County, to fix a Price on Tobacco, at the Court to be held in

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September or *October* yearly, that ſuch Perſons as have not Tobacco ſufficient to discharge all their public Dues, may, after applying ſo much Tobacco as they may have, pay the 10
Balance in Caſh, and ſuch as have none, diſcharge all their Tobacco Debts at the Prices rated by the ſaid Court.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Bill *To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Joſeph Bridger *is ſeiſed as Tenant in Fee-Tail, and to ſell the ſame in Fee-Simple, and lay out the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale in Slaves to be annexed to other entailed Lands therein mentioned*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill *For docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* Nanſemond, *and veſting the ſame in* Thompſon Swann *in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Order of the Day being read.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to conſider of Ways and Means, to raiſe the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds, agreeable to Yeſterday's Reſolution, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments, and are as follow;

Reſolved, That the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds to be raiſed for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony, againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the *French*, be raiſed by a Poll-Tax.

Reſolved, That two Shillings and Six Pence, or Thirty Pounds of Tobacco, *per* Poll, be levied and accounted for, on or before the Twenty Fifth Day of *April* next; and that other Two Shillings and Six Pence, or Thirty Pounds of Tobacco, be levied and accounted for, on or before the Twenty Fifth Day of *October* next.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Lomax*, Mr *Ruffin*, Mr *Thornton*, Mr *Page*, Mr *Wormeley*, and Mr *Johnſon*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Upon a Motion made,

A Bill *For veſting 700 Acres of Land, with the Appurtenances, lying on* Cherriſtone's *Creek, in the Pariſh of* Hungar's, *and County of* Northampton, *in* Littleton Eyre, *Gent. in Fee-Simple*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Waller*, Mr *Kendall*, Mr *Juſtice*, Mr *Whiting*, Mr *Page*, and Mr *Dangerfield*.

A Bill *For docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* Nanſemond, *and veſting the ſame in* Thompſon Swann, *in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members of *Nanſemond*, *Cumberland*, and *Amelia*.

A Bill *To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Joſeph Bridger *is ſeiſed as Tenant in Fee-Tail, and to ſell the ſame in Fee-Simple, and lay out the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale in Slaves, to be annexed to other intailed Lands therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, 11
and committed to Mr *Ruffin*, and the Members of *Iſle of Wight*, and *Southampton*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wednesday, October 23d, 1754.

MR. *Charles Carter*, from the Committee appointed, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe, a Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds, for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent Mutiny and Deſertion, and it is referred to Mr *Fitzhugh* and Mr *Landon Carter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Waller* reported, That the Committee to whom the Bill, *For veſting 700 Acres of Land, with Appurtenances, lying on* Cherriſtone's *Creek, in the Pariſh of* Hungar's, *and County of* Northampton, *in* Littleton Eyre, *Gent. in Fee-Simple*, was committed, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thursday, October 24th, 1754.

A MEMBER returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Carrington* reported, that the Committee to whom the Bill, *For docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* Nanſemond, *and veſting the ſame in* Thompſon Swann, *in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*; was committed, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

12 Mr Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That, in Obedience to the Commands of the Houſe the laſt Seſſion, he had tranſmitted to Col. *George Waſhington*, Captain *Mackay*, of his Majeſty's independant Company, and the Officers under his Command, and to the other Officers of the *Virginia* Regiment, the Thanks of this Houſe for their late gallant and brave behaviour in the Defence of their Country; and had deſired Colonel *Waſhington* to communicate to the Soldiers, the juſt Senſe this Houſe had of their Bravery alſo; and that he had received from the ſaid Col. *Waſhington*, an Anſwer as follows,

Williamſburg, October 23d, 1754.

SIR,

NOTHING could give me, and the Officers under my Command, greater Satiſfaction, than to receive the Thanks of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, in ſo particular and public a Manner, for our Behaviour in the late unſucceſſful Engagement with the *French*, and we unanimouſly hope, that our future Proceedings in the Service of our Country, will entitle us to a Continuance of your Approbation. I aſſure you, Sir, I ſhall always look upon it as my idiſpenſable Duty to endeavor to deſerve it.

I was deſired by the Officers of the *Virginia* Regiment to make their ſuitable Acknowledgments for the Honor they have received in your Thanks; I therefore hope the incloſed will be agreeable, and anſwer their, and the intended Purpoſe of,

SIR,

Your moſt obedient humble Servant,

George Waſhington.

And that he had alſo received incloſed in the above, a joint Letter of all the Officers in the *Virginia* Regiment, ſigned by Col. *Waſhington*, in their Behalf, as follows,

To

To the Worſhipful the Speaker, and the Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

WE the Officers of the *Virginia* Regiment, are highly ſenſible of the Particular Mark of Diſtinction, with which you have honored us, in returning your Thanks for our Behaviour in the late Action; and cannot help teſtifying our grateful Acknowledgments for your high Senſe of what we ſhall eſteem a Duty to our Country, and to the beſt of Kings.

Favor'd with your Regard, we ſhall zealouſly endeavour to deſerve your Applauſe, and by our future Actions, ſtrive to convince the Worſhipful Houſe of Burgeſſes how much we eſteem their Approbation; and as it ought, to be, regard it as the Voice of our Country.

Signed for the whole Corps,
George Washington.

Mr *Buſhrode*, from the Committee appointed, according to Order, preſented to the 13
Houſe, a Bill, *For the better and more effectual Improvement of the Staple of Tobacco*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intitled, *An Act for adding Part of the Counties of* Albemarle *and* Lunenburg *to the County of* Bedford, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments, and the ſame were read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Randolph* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for veſting 700 Acres of Land with the Appurtenances, lying on* Cherriſtone's *Creek in the Pariſh of* Hungar's *and County of* Northampton, *in* Littleton Eyre *Gent. in Fee-Simple*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Waller* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Ruffin* reported, that the Committee, to whom the Bill *To dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Joſeph Bridger *is ſeiſed as Tenant in Fee-Tail, and to ſell the ſame in Fee-Simple, and lay out the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale, in Slaves to be annexed to other intailed Lands therein mentioned*; was committed, had examined into the Allegations thereof and found them to be true; and he delivered the Bill in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed.

A Petition of *William Hunter*, Printer, ſetting forth, That his Salary, as Printer to this Houſe, will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and praying that the ſame may be continued to him, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds *per Annum*, be allowed to *William Hunter*, Printer, from the End of this preſent Seſſion, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Petition of *Thomas Penman*, Keeper of the Public Goal, which was ordered to lie on the Table on *Monday* laſt, and the ſame being read, it was thereupon,

Reſolved, That the Additional Sum of 15 £. be paid to the ſaid *Thomas Penman*, every Year, over and above his uſual Salary of 25 £.

Reſolved, That Ten Pounds of Tobacco, *per* Day be allowed the ſaid *Thomas Penman*, for every Criminal commited to the ſaid Goal, during ſuch Criminal's Impriſonment from this Time to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds, for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

14 *Reſolved*, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, October 25th, 1754.

A Member returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Joſeph Bridger *is ſeiſed as Tenant in Fee-Tail, and to ſell the ſame in Fee-Simple, and lay out the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale in Slaves to be annexed to other entailed Lands therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Gray* do carry it to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for veſting 700 Acres of Land, with the Appurtenances, lying on* Cherritone's *Creek in the Pariſh of* Hungar's, *and County of* Northampton, *in* Littleton Eyre, *Gent. in Fee-Simple*; without any Amendment.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts to them referred, had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had examined the ſeveral Articles and Vouchers thereof, whereupon it appeared to the Committee, that the ſaid Accounts are duly ſtated, and that the Ballance now in the Hands of the Treaſurer, is Four Thouſand and Forty Seven Pounds, Eight Shillings.

The Houſe immediately took into Conſideration the ſaid Report, and the ſame being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Accounts do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Accounts to the Council for their Concurrence.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Honor the Governor, to expreſs our Approbation of the conduct and gallant Behaviour of the ſeveral Officers of the *Virginia* Forces, except *George Muſe*, late Lieutenant-Colonel, and *Jacob Vanbraam* late Captain, and to deſire his Honor to recommend them in a particular Manner to his Majeſty's Favor; and at the ſame Time to acquaint his Honor, that it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that nothing will contribute ſo much to the Succeſs of the Expedition againſt the Invaders of his Majeſty's Dominions, as a proper Encouragement to ſuch of the In-

15 habitants as ſhall be inclined to ſerve in his Majeſty's Army in the preſent Expedition, and that Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Fitzhugh*, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Randolph*, do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* Nanſemond, *and veſting the ſame in* Thompſon Swann, *in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Holloday* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill *For the better and more effectual Improvement of the Staple of Tobacco*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

And

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

The Houſe according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and gone through the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, October 26th, 1754.

THE Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report made Yeſterday from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, was committed, which was referred to be conſidered this Day, and the ſame being read was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

The Houſe according to Order reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For the better and more effectual Improvement of the Staple of Tobacco*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, [16] and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, October 28th, 1754.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Cople* in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That there had been for a long Time a Perſon ſitting and acting as a Veſtryman of the ſaid Pariſh, who was no Inhabitant thereof, contrary to the Directions of an Act of Aſſembly, in that Caſe made and provided, who had ſo great Influence over the Veſtry, that, notwithſtanding divers Attempts had been made to comply with the law, by electing another Veſtryman in his Room, he had ſtill continued in that Office, during which Time, he had, by his unlawful Votes, and Influence cauſed many of his own Relations to be elected of the ſaid Veſtry, who the Petitioners apprehend are actuated ſolely by his Directions, and who, on Occaſion, might ſerve as proper Inſtruments to ſupport any deſtructive Schemes to their Ruin, in the Receſs of this Aſſembly when no Redreſs could be obtained: And alſo complaining of divers male Practices in the Churchwardens of the ſaid Pariſh, and praying that the ſaid Veſtry may be diſſolved, or their Grievances otherwiſe redreſſed, as to this Houſe ſhould ſeem meet.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of ſundry Merchants and others Inhabitants of the Counties of *Prince-George* and *Dinwiddie*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining of great Abuſes and iniquitous Practices, commited at the upper Warehouſes on *James* and *Appamatox* Rivers, by a Company of Men confederate and in Partnerſhip together, called Pickers, attending the ſaid Warehouſes, to pick ſuch Tobacco as ſhall be refuſed by the Inſpectors, whom the Planters are obliged to employ as moſt of them live at too great a Diſtance from the Warehouſes, to pick their refuſed Tobacco themſelves, and that the Planters are obliged to comply with their Terms, however exorbitant, or have their Tobacco totally burnt, according to the Directions of the Tobacco Law; that their Behaviour is become ſo general and public a Grievance, that it requires immediate Redreſs. and praying that this Houſe will make ſuch Proviſion againſt this crying Evil as ſhall by them be thought moſt effectual.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Reſolve for allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, the
17 Sum of Three Hundred Pounds, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

And that they have paſſed the Treaſurer's Accounts.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the third Reading of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better and more effectual Improvement of the Staple of Tobacco*, be put off 'till *Saturday* Se'ennight.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds, for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tuesday, October 29th, 1754.

MR. *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor, with the Addreſs of this Houſe, expreſſing our Approbation of the Conduct and gallant Behaviour of the ſeveral Officers of the *Virginia* Forces, except *George Muſe*, late Lieutenant-Colonel, and *Jacob Vanbraam* late Captain, and do deſire his Honor to recommend them in a particular Manner to his Majeſty's Favor; and at the ſame Time to acquaint his Honor, that it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that nothing will contribute ſo much to the Succeſs of the Expedition againſt the Invaders of his Majeſty's Dominions, as a proper Encouragement to ſuch of the Inhabitant, as ſhall be inclined to ſerve in his Majeſty's Army in the preſent Expedition; to which his Honor anſwered, that he was pleaſed that the Sentiment of this Houſe concurred with his own; that he had already made a Repreſentation to his Majeſty in their Favor, and would take Care to renew it.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* Nanſemond, *and veſting the ſame in* Thompſon Swann, *in Fee-Simple, and for ſetting*

tling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes, with an Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendment, and the ſame being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That M^r *Holloday* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and acquaint 18
them that this Houſe doth agree to the Amendment by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

A Written Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by M^r *Walthoe*.

M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"As you muſt be ſenſible of the Deficiency of the Laws now in Force in Regard to the enliſting Men in this Colony, for his Majeſty's Service; and the Neceſſity there is, at this critical Juncture, for raiſing a great Number, for carrying on and proſecuting, with all Vigor and Diſpatch, the preſent Expedition. I have thought it proper to recommend to your Houſe, to frame a Bill, agreeable to the Act paſſed, for the like Purpoſe, on the *Carthagena* Expedition; to facilitate the raiſing of Men in the ſeveral Counties, by drafting Men out, or impowering the Juſtices, in their reſpective Counties, to take up all Vagrants; and that ſuch, who, upon Examination, ſhall not give a good Account of themſelves, and who it ſhall appear have no viſible Way of getting an honeſt Livelihood, may be compelled to enliſt as Soldiers, and ſerve their King and Country."

Ordered, That the ſaid Meſſage be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe immediately reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the ſaid written Meſſage, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Meſſage under their Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That all Perſons who have no viſible Way of getting an honeſt Livelihood, be compelled to ſerve as Soldiers in his Majeſty's Service, in the Expedition to the *Ohio*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to M^r *Charles Carter* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of *William Lightfoot*, Eſq; ſetting forth, That the honorable *Philip Lightfoot*, Eſq; deceaſed, the Petitioner's Father, did, in the Year 1746, lend and advance to the Country, the Sum of 2,485 £. at the Rate of 5 *per Cent. per Annum*. That the Petitioner lately applied to the Treaſurer for his ſaid Money, and Intereſt, who anſwered he was not in Caſh; and praying that this Houſe will direct the Treaſurer to pay the Petitioner Intereſt for his ſaid Money, at the Rate of 6 *per Cent. per Annum*, during the Continuance of the Act, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That an additional Intereſt of 1 *per Cent.* be allowed to thoſe public Creditors, who have lent any Money to the Country, before the Paſſing of the Act, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that M^r *Martin* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Upon a Motion made, 19

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to his Majeſty, to expreſs our Loyalty and Attachment to his Royal Perſon; and to return him our ſincere Thanks for the Money and Arms that he hath been graciouſly pleaſed to grant, for the Protection and Defence of this Colony, and to inform him of our Readineſs ſhewn, notwithſtanding our great Inability, from a depreſſing Poverty, to ſupport his Rights to the Lands on the *Ohio*, by an additional Aid of Twenty Thouſand Pounds, now levied on the People here, and to entreat the Continuance of his Royal Aſſiſtance.

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Thornton*, Mr *Page*, and Mr *Dudley Digges*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council to acquaint them that this Houſe have appointed ſix of their Members to draw up the ſaid Addreſs to his Majeſty, and to deſire that they will join, and appoint a Committee of their Members to aſſiſt therein; and that Mr *Landon Carter* do go up with the ſaid Meſſage.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Amelia*, in Oppoſition to a Petition of the *Southern* Inhabitants of the ſaid County, ſaid to have been preſented to this Houſe, for dividing the ſaid County of *Amelia*, by the Pariſh Line, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wednesday, October 30th, 1754.

A CLAIM of *John Wheatley*, for dieting and lodging the tributary *Indians*, when in *Williamſburg*, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of *Chriſtopher Gift*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That he had for ſome Years paſt, uſed his utmoſt Endeavours to promote the Settlement of his Majeſty's Lands on the River *Ohio*; and had engaged a Conſiderable Number of Families to remove there from the adjoining Provinces, which was prevented after the firſt of them came there, by a Survey made by one *William Ruffel*, which included the Land where the ſaid Settlement was propoſed. That the Petitioner having ſettled there with his Family, upon the late Incurſions of the *French*, his Majeſty's Forces, under the Command of Colonel *Waſhington*, encamped at the Petitioner's Plantation, and his Horſes and Carriage being employed in his Majeſty's Service, he was thereby prevented from removing the greateſt Part of his Effects, to the Value of near Two Hundred Pounds which the *French* either took away or deſtroyed, beſides ſetting Fire to all his Houſes, and Fencing, which had been removed, and uſed as a Palafadoe for the Security of his Majeſty's Forces, to a conſiderable Value; and praying that this Houſe will be pleaſed to make him ſuch Allowance, for repairing his Loſſes, as they ſhall think fit; as he has been, and ſtill ſhall be ready, on all Occaſions, to riſque his Life, and ſmall Fortune, in promoting the Settlement of that Part of his Majeſty's Dominions, ſo neceſſary to the Preſervation and Intereſt of all his *American* Plantations.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Landon Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For raiſing Levies and Recruits to ſerve in the preſent Expedition againſt the* French, *on the* Ohio; and the ſame was read the firſt Time and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

A Bill *For raiſing Levies and Recruits to ſerve in the preſent Expedition againſt the* French, *on the* Ohio, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe immediately reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration, the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have appointed Three of their Members to meet, and, in Conjunction with thoſe appointed by this Houſe, to prepare an Addreſs to his Majeſty, purſuant to the Reſolution of this Houſe, and that the ſaid Committee of the Council are now ready in the Conference-Chamber, to meet the Managers of this Houſe.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Joſeph Bridger *is ſeiſed as Tenant in Fee-Tail, and to ſell the ſame in Fee-Simple, and lay out the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale in Slaves to be annexed to other entailed Lands therein mentioned*; without any Amendment.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thursday, October 31ſt, 1754.

A CLAIM of *Thomas Crawford*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Landon Carter* reported, that the Perſons appointed, had according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to his Majeſty; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe. 21

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and that Mr *Landon Carter* do carry it up to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Johnſon* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Recovery of his Health.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For raiſing Levies and Recruits, to ſerve in the preſent Expedition againſt the* French, *on the* Ohio; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Speaker be directed to agree with proper Perſons for erecting a Gallery in this Houſe.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Printer to this Houſe, be directed to print and publiſh the Bill, *For the better and more effectual Improvement of the Staple of Tobacco*; and that he deliver a Copy thereof to each Member of this Houſe, for their Peruſal.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money, for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*; and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Charles Carter*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made.

A Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday,

Friday, November 1ſt, 1754.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing Levies and Recruits, to ſerve in the preſent Expedition againſt the* French *on the* Ohio; was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

22 *Ordered*, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the inrolled Bills, of the following Perſons, *viz.* Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Henry Robinſon*, Mr *Power*, and Mr *Ruffin*.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*; was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe To-morrow.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Sums following, be paid to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, reſpectively.

To Mr *John Randolph*, Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes		90 £.
To Mr *Walthoe*, Clerk of the General Aſſembly,		40
To the Reverend Mr *Stith*, Chaplain,		20
To Mr *Eppes*, Serjeant at Arms,		30
To the Door-Keeper of the Council,		6
To *Andrew Lindeſay*,	Door-Keepers to the Houſe,	6
To *Thomas Broadrib*,		6
To *James Lavie*,		6
To Mr *John Palmer*, for his Services,		10

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Reſolve to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Addreſs to his Majeſty, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments, and the ſame being read, one of them was agreed to, and the others diſagreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to one of their Amendments to the ſaid Addreſs, and diſagreed to the others, and that this Houſe deſire they will paſs the Addreſs with the Amendment agreed to.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they adhere to their Amendments diſagreed to by this Houſe, in the Addreſs to his Majeſty, and deſire this Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement thereto.

That they have agreed to the Bill intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

Alſo to the Reſolve for allowing an additional Intereſt of 1 *per Cent.* to thoſe public Creditors, who have lent any Money to the Country, before the Paſſing of the Act, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi.

Alſo to the Reſolve, for paying the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, the reſpective Sums of Money therein mentioned.

23 The Houſe proceeded to take into their Conſideration, the Amendments adhered to by the Council, in the Addreſs to his Majeſty, and the ſame being read,

Reſolved, That this Houſe do adhere to their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendments.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing Levies and Recruits to ſerve in the preſent Expedition againſt the* French, *on the* Ohio, with two Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

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The Houſe immediately proceeded to take into their Conſideration the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the ſaid Bill, and the ſame being read, were agreed to by the Houſe:

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Mr *Bolling* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, November 2d, 1754.

THE Houſe, was, according to Order, called over, and the Names of ſuch Members, as made Default to appear, were taken down, and the Liſt of Defaulters being called over, Excuſes were made for them, which were allowed.

Mr *Pendleton* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, examined the inrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly inrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry the inrolled Bills, to the Council for their Inſpection.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have inſpected the inrolled Bills, and are ſatiſfied they are truly inrolled

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following public and private Bills.

1. *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French.
2. *An Act for raiſing Levies and Recruits to ſerve in the preſent Expedition againſt the* French, *on the* Ohio.
3. *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.* 24
4. *An Act for adding Part of the Counties of* Albemarle *and* Lunenburg *to the County of* Bedford.
5. *An Act for veſting 700 Acres of Land, with the Appurtenances, lying on* Cherriſtone's-*Creek, in the Pariſh of* Hungar's, *and County of* Northampton, *in* Littleton Eyre, *Gent. in Fee-Simple.*
6. *An Act for docking the Intail of certain Lands in the County of* Nanſemond, *and veſting the ſame in* Thompſon Swann, *in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands and Slaves, of greater Value, to the ſame Uſes.*
7. *An Act to dock the Intail of certain Lands whereof* Joſeph Bridger *is ſeiſed as Tenant in Fee-Tail, and to ſell the ſame in Fee-Simple, and lay out the Money ariſing by ſuch Sale in Slaves to be annexed to other entailed Lands therein mentioned.*

And likewiſe to the following Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes which the Council had agreed to, *viz.*

1. For allowing an additional Intereſt of 1 *per Cent.* to thoſe publick Creditors, who have lent any Money to the Country, before the paſſing of the Act, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi.
2. For allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds *per Annum*, from this preſent Seſſion, to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

3. For paying the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, the reſpective Sums of Money therein mentioned.

And then his Honor was pleaſed to make the following Speech,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of this Houſe of Burgeſſes.

I Sincerely thank you for your Vote of Supply, for conducting the Neceſſary Expedition. I ſhall take proper Care of repreſenting to his Majeſty, your Loyalty, and the Aid you have granted.

Be aſſured, *Gentlemen*, the Money now given ſhall be, with great Frugality, and due OEconomy, applied for the Uſes it's intended.

As you have unanimouſly granted this Supply, I am to deſire your Intereſt, in the different Counties you repreſent, to encourage the Subjects, by your Arguments, and Reaſons, freely to enliſt for the Protection of our Lives, and fortunes; and to give your Countenance to ſuch Officers that may be commiſſioned to raiſe the Levies.

And I heartily deſire, Love, and Friendſhip, may ſubſiſt among the different Ranks of our People. Your Example, *Gentlemen*, will be great Encouragement to others; and, I hope, for the future, generous Benevolence will incite every Member of the Community, to a due and juſt Regard, for the Happineſs, and Peace, of the whole.

I therefore prorogue you to the ſecond *Thurſday* in *March* next, and you are accordingly prorogued to that Time.

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Thurſday, May 1ſt, 1755.

A Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes;

"The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of your "Houſe in the Council-Chamber."

Accordingly Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend the Governor;

And being returned, he reported, That the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe; of which he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the Houſe, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

BY Directions from *Great-Britain*, I now call you together, that you may conſider of ſuch Meaſures as may be moſt ſuitable to the preſent critical Situation and Circumſtances of the *Britiſh* Colonies on this Continent in general, and of this Dominion in particular.

By a letter from Sir *Thomas Robinſon*, Secretary of State, which I ſhall cauſe to be laid before you, I was directed to provide a ſufficient Quantity of freſh Proviſions for the Uſe of the Troops from *Ireland*; on their Arrival here, Colonel *John Hunter*, in Purſuance
2 of my Orders and Directions, did ſupply them; and I hope you will make the neceſſary Diſpoſitions for his Reimburſement.

I have the Pleaſure to acquaint you, that his Majeſty, out of his great Regard for his Subjects on this Continent, and a proper Reſentment of the unjuſtifiable Invaſions and Encroachments of the *French*, on his *American* Dominions, has, of his gracious Goodneſs to us, ordered four Regiments, conſiſting each of a Thouſand Men, with a large Train of Artillery for our Aid and Aſſiſtance, beſides the Regiments now at *Nova-Scotia*, all at the Expence of the Crown of *Great-Britain*.

His Excellency General *Braddock*, Commander in Chief of all his Majeſty's Forces on this Continent; the Honorable Commodore *Keppel*, Commander of his Majeſty's Ships of War; the Governors of *New-England*, *New-York*, *Penſylvania*, *Maryland*, and myſelf, met in Council the 14th of laſt Month; where the Affairs of the Colonies were maturely conſidered, and a Plan of Operations for this Summer's Campaign adjuſted, with ſo much Judgment, that, if properly ſupported, the Deſigns of our Enemies will probably

probably be defeated, and the Peace and Safety of our Country eſtabliſhed on the moſt permanent Foundations.

It was reported that Six *French* Men of War, with Tranſports, were arrived at *Louiſburg*: If it be ſo, that Reinforcement, added to the Forces and Militia in *Canada*, may prove too numerous for our preſent Force; and therefore, in Prudence, we ought to be provided for all Events, and with Spirit and Reſolution, raiſe Men and Money to reinforce and ſupport our preſent Forces.

The Operations of this Year, will, doubtleſs, be attended with conſiderable Expence; and without an adequate Aid from the Colonies, I dread the Conſequences!———— Let me therefore intreat you (as it is now in your Power, if you properly exert yourſelves, to render the *French* Schemes abortive) that you would grant with Promptitude, ſuch a ſufficient Supply, as appears to be neceſſary at this critical Juncture; by which Means you will, in all Likelihood, prevent the Occaſion of much greater Expences hereafter, which muſt unavoidably ariſe from a Neglect at Preſent.

Many of the other Colonies have ſhewn a good Spirit, and a juſt Regard to his Majeſty's Orders at this Time: The Supplies granted by them, I ſhall cauſe to be laid before you; and I hope their Conduct, will raiſe in you, *Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes*, a laudable Emulation; and that you will approve your Gratitude for his Majeſty's diſtinguiſhed Care, by rendering it effectual for his gracious Purpoſes, your Preſervation and Proſperity.

Expreſſes will be neceſſary from the Camp to *Williamſburg*.————*Penſylvania* and *Maryland* have laid Horſes from *Winchester* to their Colonies. The General ſends his Letters to *Winchester*, and I hope you will provide that Horſes may be held in Readineſs, at proper Stages, for Diſpatches from thence to this Place.

The Ordinaries are very extravagant; the Subaltern Officers and Soldiers cannot pay as other tranſient Travellers, and I hope you will make a ſuitable Regulation in that Behalf.

The poor Men who ſuffered at the Meadows with Colonel *Waſhington*, I recommend 3
to your Favor, as they were diſabled in the Service of their Country.

I have received an Inſtruction from his Majeſty, relating to an Act of Aſſembly, in Regard to Executions and Relief of inſolvent Debtors; I am ordered to recommend it to you, to paſs an Act of the like Nature, with ſome Amendments, which I now do, and ſhall cauſe the Inſtruction to be laid before you.

Your laſt Vote of Supply was very agreeably received at Home, and you were accordingly truly recommended for your dutiful Obedience to his Majeſty's Commands; continue thus to diſtinguiſh yourſelves the Sons of *Britons*, and convince the World, that the heroic martial Spirit of your Progenitors, (famed over the Univerſe) ſtill animates their Children in the remoteſt Regions.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

I am ſo intimately acquainted with your impending Danger, and ſo earneſtly deſirous that it may be averted, that I cannot conclude without exhorting you to conſider, with the moſt ſerious Attention, the great and important Affairs which I have now laid before you, and the abſolute Neceſſity there is at preſent of the moſt vigorous and effectual Reſolutions, for the Preſervation of your Lives! Your Liberties! Your Properties! Your Religion! all that is held dear and ſacred among Mankind.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, to return his Honor the Thanks of this Houſe for his Speech; to acknowledge his Majeſty's paternal and tender Concern for the Preſervation and Proſperity of this Colony, in ſending to our Aſſiſtance a Body of regular Forces; to aſſure his Honor, that we will take the important Matters recommended by him, under our ſerious Conſideration, and that his Majeſty's Intereſt, and the public Good of our Country ſhall govern us in all our Reſolutions.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the Governor, purſuant

purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Randolph*, and Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr *William Stith* be continued Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at Nine o'Clock.

Ordered, That *William Francis*, *Thomas Broadrib*, *Andrew Lindeſay*, and *James Lavie*, be continued in their reſpective Offices of Door-Keepers to this Houſe, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

A Petition of *John Spalding*, praying that he may be appointed a Door-Keeper to this Houſe, in the Room of *Robert Wager*, deceaſed.

Alſo a Petition of *James Bird*, to the ſame Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being thereupon ſeverally put.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petitions be rejected.

A Member returned upon a new Writ having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue, for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General-Aſſembly for the College of *William and Mary*, in the Room of *Peyton Randolph*, Eſq; who ſince his Election, hath accepted of the Office of his Majeſty's Attorney-General of this Colony, and that Mr *Landon Carter* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Governor's Speech into Conſideration, To-morrow.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Cumberland*, in the Room of Mr *Samuel Scott*, deceaſed; and that Mr *Carrington* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Glouceſter*, in the Room of Mr *Beverly Whiting*, deceaſed; and that Mr *Page*, do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, Ten o'Clock.

Friday, May 2d, 1755.

A Member returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr Speaker,

"I am commanded by the Governor to lay before your Houſe, his Majeſty's In-"ſtructions relating to an Act of Aſſembly of this Colony, intituled, *An Act for declaring* "*the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors.*"

Alſo an original Letter from Sir *Thomas Robinſon* to his Honor of the 26th of *October* laſt.

Alſo an Account of the Supplies granted by the ſeveral Northern Colonies on the Continent for the preſent Expedition.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers do lie on the Table.

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr *Carter Burwell*,

Mr *Charles Carter*,
Mr Attorney,
Mr *Bland*,
Mr *Johnſon*,
Mr *Landon Carter*,
Mr *Wythe*.
Mr *Lomax*,
Mr *Waller*,
Mr *Power*,
Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*,
Mr *Pendleton*, and

And they are to meet and adjourn, from Day to Day, and to examine in the firſt Place, all Returns of Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and to compare the ſame with the Form preſcribed by Law; and to take into their Conſideration all ſuch Matters as ſhall or may come in Queſtion, touching Returns, Elections, and Privileges, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe: And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr *Charles Carter*,

Mr *Woodbridge*,
Mr *Carter Burwell*,
Mr *Moor*,
Mr *Lomax*,
Mr *Spotſwood*,
Mr *Fairfax*,
Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*,
Mr *Norton*,
Mr *Landon Carter*,
Mr *Page*,
Mr *Dudley Digges*,
Mr *Cocke*,
Mr *Richard Eppes*,
Mr *Johnſon*,
Mr *Waſhington*, and
Mr *Kennon*,
Mr *Wormeley*,
Mr *Bland*,
Mr *Waller*,
Mr Attorney,
Mr *Preſley Thornton*,
Mr *Randolph*,
Mr *Power*,
Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*,
Mr *William Digges*,
Mr *Robert Burwell*,
Mr *Walke*,
Mr *Pendleton*,
Mr *Ruffin*,
Mr *Wythe*.

And they are to meet and adjourn, from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration, all Propoſitions and Grievances that ſhall come legally certified to this Aſſembly; and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe: And all ſuch Propoſitions and Grievances are to be delivered to the Clerk of the Houſe, and by him to the ſaid Committee of Courſe: And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of public Claims be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr *Ruffin*,

Mr *Weſtwood*,
Mr *Eyre*,
Mr *Wood Jones*,
Mr *Wilſon*,
Mr *Etheldred Taylor*,
Mr *Gale*,
Mr *John Jones*,
Mr *Naſh*,
Mr *Gray*.
Mr *Harwood*,
Mr *Thomas Tabb*,
Mr *Spencer Ball*,
Mr *Francis Smith*,
Mr *Alexander*,
Mr *Cave*,
Mr *Iſham Eppes*,
Mr *Patton*, and

And they are to meet and adjourn, from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all public Claims which ſhall be preſented to the Houſe during this Seſſion, and

and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe, when they have gone through the ſaid Claims: And all Perſons who have any Claims are to deliver them to the Clerk, and he is to deliver the ſame to the ſaid Committee of Courſe: And they are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee for Courts of Juſtice be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr Attorney,

Mr *John Tabb*,	Mr *Gabriel Jones*,
Mr *Carrington*,	Mr *Curtis*,
Mr *Buſhrode*,	Mr *Venable*,
Mr *Pendleton*,	Mr *Blackwall*,
Mr *Briggs*,	Mr *Jefferſon*,
Mr *Anderſon*,	Mr *James Ball*, and
Mr *Wythe*.	

And they are to meet and adjourn, from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration, all Matters relating to Courts of Juſtice, and ſuch other Matters, as ſhall from Time to Time be referred to them; and report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe: And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records for their Information.

Reſolved, That Eleven of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and five of any other Committee, be a ſufficient Number to make a Committee.

Ordered, That Mr *John Palmer*, be appointed Clerk of the Committees of Propoſitions and Grievances, and Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That Mr *Miles Cary*, be appointed Clerk of the Committee of public Claims.

A Petition of *Anderſon Stith*, praying that he may be appointed Clerk of the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

Alſo a Petition of *George Davenport*, to the ſame Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being thereupon ſeverally put,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petitions be rejected.

Ordered, That Mr *Thomas Everard* be appointed Clerk of the Committee of Courts of Juſtice.

7 Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to, and is as follows;

SIR,

WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, now met in General Aſſembly, return your Honor our ſincere Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion.

The many Inſtances we have received of His Majeſty's paternal and tender Concern for the Protection and Happineſs of this Colony, do juſtly demand from us, the ſtrongeſt Teſtimonies of the moſt inviolable Fidelity to his ſacred Perſon and Government; and it would argue the higheſt Ingratitude, if we did not acknowledge ourſelves truly affected with the Benefits which muſt ariſe to us by his Royal Care and Munificence, in ſending to our Aſſiſtance, at the Expence of the Crown of *Great-Britain*, a Body of regular Forces, with a large Train of Artillery, under the Command of an able and experienced General.

We beg Leave to aſſure your Honor, that we will take the important Matters, recommended to us by your Honor, under our moſt ſerious Conſideration, and that His Majeſty's Intereſt, and the public Good of our Country, which are inſeparably united, ſhall govern us in all our Reſolutions.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame, wait on the Governor to know his Pleaſure when they ſhall attend his Honor to preſent it.

Several Petitions of *Matt: Doran*, *James Haiter*, *Argill Houſe*, *Michael MacCannon*, and *Michael MacGraff*, ſetting forth, That they having ſerved as Soldiers in the preſent Expedition againſt the *French*, had the Misfortune to be wounded in the late Engagement at the Great Meadows, and were thereby rendered incapable of maintaining themſelves, and praying Relief of this Houſe, were preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to take into their Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Speech.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Papers, Letters, and Inſtructions, that have been laid before this Houſe, by Direction of his Honor the Governor be referred to the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take under their Conſideration the Governor's Speech; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Governor's Speech, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their 8
further Conſideration the Governor's Speech on *Monday* next.

Ordered, That all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions, and other Matters, as were referred from the laſt, to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſeveral Committees of this Houſe reſpectively.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, Ten o'Clock.

Saturday, May 3d, 1755.

A Claim of *Arjalone Price*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.
Alſo a Claim of *George Davis*, for the ſame Service;
Alſo a Claim of *Richard Harriſon*, for the ſame Service;
Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Skinner*, for the ſame Service;
Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Forſith*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims reſpectively in the Book of Claims.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Nottoway*, in the County of *Prince Edward*, praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided by *Prince Edward* County Line and erected into a new Pariſh.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Houſekeepers of *Cople* Pariſh, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, in Oppoſition to a Petition preſented to this Houſe at the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly for diſſolving the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, and electing a new Veſtry; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *James MacDewell*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That *Matt* a Negroe Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, having committed ſundry Felonies, in order to ſcreen himſelf from a Proſecution for the ſame, ran away; upon which the Petitioner procured an Outlawry againſt him, in due Form of Law; but before he could

could be apprehended he was found dead in the Woods, and praying that he may be allowed for the faid Slave.

Ordered, That the faid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Matter thereof, and report the fame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houfe.

And then the Houfe adjourned 'till *Monday* Morning Ten o'Clock.

Monday, May 5th, 1755.

A Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Albemarle*, praying that an additional Reward for killing Wolves, may be made to that already eftabliſhed:

Alſo a Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the faid County of *Albemarle*, living on the North Side of the North Fork of *James River*, below *Adams*'s Ferry, and on the North Side of the Road that leads from *Adams*'s Ferry, up to *Wood*'s *Gap*, adjoining the County of *Louiſa*, praying, That that Part of the faid County of *Albemarle*, may be added to the County of *Louiſa*:

Alſo a Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaſter*, praying that *Chilton's* Warehouſe for the Inſpection of Tobacco in the faid County may be diſcontinued, and a new one eſtabliſhed on the Land of *Gawin Lowry*, on the Southward Side of the Weſtern Branch of *Corotoman River*:

Alſo a Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of *Suffex*, complaining of great Abuſes and Male-practices committed at the ſeveral Warehouſes in this Colony, by ſeveral Companies of Men confederate and in Partnerſhip together, called Pickers, attending the Warehouſes to pick ſuch Tobacco, as ſhall be refuſed by the Inſpectors, whom they are obliged to employ, as moſt of them live at too great a Diſtance from the Warehouſes to pick their refuſed Tobacco themſelves; and that they are obliged to comply with their Terms however exorbitant, as they all refuſe to undertake the Service ſolely, or in any other Manner than jointly; and that the Petitioners, as well from the Incapacity as undue Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in the faid Pickers, have been much aggrieved, and have ſuffered greatly in the loſs of their Tobacco, and praying that this Houſe will make ſuch Proviſion againſt this great Evil, as by them ſhall be thought moſt effectual; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the faid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee of Trade be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr *Lomax*,

Mr *Holloday*,	Mr *Norton*,
Mr *Eyre*,	Mr *Thomas Tabb*,
Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*,	Mr *Bland*,
Mr *Landon Carter*,	Mr *Martin*,
Mr *Weſtwood*, and	Mr *Walke*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and take under their Conſideration all Things relating to the Trade of this Colony, and all Matters that ſhall be from Time to Time to them referred, and to report their Proceedings with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe. And the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records for their Information.

Ordered, That Mr *George Webb*, be appointed Clerk to the Committee of Trade:

Ordered, That Mr *Martin*, and Mr *Chiſwell*, be added to the Committees of Privileges and Elections, and Propoſitions and Grievances; That Mr *John Smith*, Mr *George Taylor*,

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Mr *Payne*, Mr *Howard*, Mr *Weſt*, and Mr *Dangerfield*, be added to the Committee of Claims, and that Mr *Thomas Harriſon*, and Mr *Edmunds*, be added to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

A Claim of *Thomas Roane*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned;

Alſo a Claim of *Cornelius MacMahone*, for the ſame Service;

Alſo a Claim of *Samuel Badſon*, for the ſame Service;

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Brown*, for the ſame Service;

Alſo a Claim of *Jonathan Clerkſon*, for the ſame Service;

Alſo a Claim of *Philip Ryan*, for the ſame Service;

Alſo a Claim of *Benjamin Harriſon*, for the ſame Service;

Alſo a Claim of *Maſk Leek*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims reſpectively in the Book of Claims.

A Petition and Memorial of the Inſpectors at *Bolling*'s Point Warehouſe, in the County of *Dinwiddie*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That on the 29th Day of *March*, laſt paſt, the Warehouſes where the Petitioners are Inſpectors, accidentally took Fire, by Means whereof 782 Hogſheads of Crop Tobacco, and 35549 Pounds of Transfer Tobacco were burnt; that the Petitioners have due to them 19,457 Pounds of Transfer Tobacco, and have ſaved out of the burnt Tobacco 16387 Pounds, after paying 4163 Pounds to ſeveral Perſons for aſſiſting them and finding Caſks and Prizing; ſo that there now remains in their Hands 35846 Pounds of Transfer Tobacco, an exact Account whereof is contained in ſeveral Schedules to the ſaid Petition annexed: That near 300 Hogſheads of refuſed Tobacco, which had not been picked, and ſeveral Hogſheads that were not inſpected were alſo burnt; and ſubmitting the ſame to the Conſideration of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition with the Schedule annexed, be referred to the Committee of Trade; that they examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Landon Carter* reported, that the Committee appointed had, according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor, to know his Pleaſure when this Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to appoint this Day, and to ſay that he would ſignify by a Meſſage to the Houſe, when he was ready to receive it.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr *Speaker*,

"I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, that his Honor is now "ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council Chamber."

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe went up, and being returned, reported, That he with the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him; 11

To which his Honor was pleaſed to return the following ANSWER;

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I return you my ſincere Thanks for your Addreſs. I am much pleaſed at your grateful Acknowledgements of His Majeſty's paternal Concern for the Protection and Happineſs of this Colony.

It lies with you, Gentlemen, to facilitate the Succeſs, and compleat the Happineſs we have in View, by your Aid and Supply to the Forces ſent by His Majeſty: I flatter myſelf, you will accordingly take that, and the other Maters, recommended to you in my Speech, into your ſerious Conſideration, and that, with all due Diſpatch.

A Petition of *Dale Carter*, and *Merryman Payne*, Inſpectors at *Davis*'s and *Shelton*'s in *Lancaſter* County; and *Martin Shearman*, and *Robert Mitchell*, Inſpectors at *Deep* Creek, in the ſame County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That

That in *October* laſt the ſaid *Dale Carter* ſettled the Accounts for the ſaid Inſpections, and received the Ballance due to each at the Treaſury, being 14 £. 15 *s.* 3 *d.* for *Deep* Creek, and 12 £. 6 *s.* 2 *d.* for *Davis*'s and *Shelton*'s, which ſaid Sums of Money were ſtolen from the ſaid *Dale Carter*, in the Night Time at his Lodgings in *Williamſburg*, of which he made Oath before a Magiſtrate of the ſaid City, and praying Relief of this Houſe, and the Queſtion being thereupon put.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A Petition of *George Maſon*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That his Negro Slave *Dick*, having run away and committed many Felonies, was in due Form of Law outlawed, and being taken up by ſome of Captain *Mackay*'s Company, was by them delivered to one *Daniel James*, in perfect Health: That as the ſaid *James* was carrying the ſaid Slave to the Conſtable, he pulled him off his Horſe, and in ſtruggling to make his Eſcape received ſome Hurt, and refuſing to go any further, the ſaid *James* tied him with a Rope to his Horſe Tail, and in that Manner dragged him to the next Houſe, where he in a few Minutes expired, and praying ſuch Allowance for his ſaid Slave, as this Houſe ſhall think fit.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Southall*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That a Negroe Slave of his ſet Fire to his Barn, and with it conſumed all his Tobacco, Corn, Wheat, and Oats, and other Goods, and then hanged himſelf; by Means whereof the Petitioner with a large Family of ſmall Children were utterly ruined, and praying Relief of this Houſe, and the Queſtion being thereupon put,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

12 The Order of the Day for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take under their further Conſideration, the Governor's Speech being read;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into the ſaid Committee on *Wedneſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, Ten o'Clock.

Tueſday, May 6th, 1755.

A PETITION of *Robert Bolling*, ſetting forth, That the Public Warehouſes at *Bolling*'s Point (of which the Petitioner is Proprietor) accidentally took Fire on the 29th Day of *March* laſt, whereby Eight large Houſes of conſiderable Value were burnt down, which Loſs he is ſcarce able to ſuſtain, and praying that this Houſe will grant him ſuch Relief as they ſhall think fit; was preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being thereupon put,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A Petition of *James Graham*, and *John Thompſon*, Merchants, ſetting forth, That in *July* laſt, a Negroe Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioners, run away from the Poſſeſſion of *Duncan Graham*, of *Caroline* County, and joined himſelf to three other outlying Slaves in *Prince William* County, and together with them broken open the Store of one and ſtole thereout ſundry Goods to the Value of 30 £. for which they were taken, and a Commiſſion of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, obtained for their Trial, but before their Trial the ſaid Slave belonging to the Petitioners, died in Goal of a Wound he had received, being ſhot in his Apprehenſion: That the three other Slaves eſcaped out of Goal, but one of them being retaken, was tried and executed for the ſaid Felony; and praying that they

they may be allowed for their ſaid Slave in the ſame Manner as if he had been executed; was preſented to the Houſe and read;

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe as follows:

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the South Part of *Amelia* County, praying the ſaid County may be divided by the Pariſh Line from *Namozeen* Creek to *Ward*'s Ford on *Appomattox* River, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Amelia* County, in Oppoſition to the Petition for dividing that County, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of that Part of *Nottoway* Pariſh, 13
which lies in *Prince-Edward* County, praying the ſaid County may be erected into a diſtinct Pariſh, and that the Pariſh of *Nottoway* may be obliged to refund a proportionable Part of the Tobacco levied by the ſaid Pariſh of *Nottoway*, towards building two large Churches, and alſo a proportionable Part of the Money expended in Buildings on the Glebe Lands of the ſaid Pariſh, to the ſaid County of *Prince-Edward*, when the ſame ſhall be erected into a Pariſh, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Frederickſville*, and that Part of St. *Martin*'s that lies in *Louiſa* County, praying that that Part of St. *Martin*'s Pariſh, may be added to the Pariſh of *Frederickſville*, be rejected.

On Conſideration of the ſeveral Propoſitions from the Counties of *Goochland*, *Albemarle*, *Prince-George*, *Suſſex*, and *Dinwiddie*, praying, That there may be no Review of Tobacco by Juſtices of the Peace, after it hath been once received by the Inſpectors; that the Perſons who attend at the upper Warehouſes to pick Tobacco may be put under ſome Regulation, and that the Juſtices of the upper Counties, may have the ſole Recommendation of Inſpectors at the upper Warehouſes.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the ſaid Propoſitions, as reſpect the putting Pickers of Tobacco, under ſome Regulation, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Reſidue of the ſaid Propoſitions be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Southampton*, for preventing Hogs running at large, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Albemarle*, praying that Clerks may be prohibited from employing Attornies and Sheriffs of the ſame Court in their Offices, and from entruſting blank Writs with any Attorney or Sheriff, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſiiton from the County of *Culpeper*, for raiſing a Sum to carry on the preſent War againſt the *French*, on the Frontiers of this Colony, by Paper Money, be rejected.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills, purſuant to the third and fifth Reſolutions.

Ordered, That the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, do inſpect the Journals of the four laſt Seſſions, and draw up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progress that was made therein, and report the ſame to the Houſe; that they do alſo examine what Laws have expired ſince the laſt Seſſion; and inſpect ſuch temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Seſſion, or are near expiring, and report the ſame to the Houſe, with their Opinions which of them are fit to be revived and continued.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, ſetting forth, That they had, for ſeveral Years paſt paid very heavy Taxes in the County of *Lunenburg* and Pariſh of *Cumberland*, and never had any County or Pariſh Conveniences, except one ſmall Chapel

Chapel of Eaſe, and praying that the ſaid County of *Lunenburg* may be obliged to refund to them in Proportion to their Number of Tithables.

Alſo a Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Iſle of Wight*, *Nanſemond*,
14 and *Southampton*, ſetting forth, That by an Act of Aſſembly of this Colony, intituled, *An Act for the Settlement and Regulation of Ferries, and for Diſpatch of public Expreſſes*, it is enacted, "That a Ferry be conſtantly kept from *Hog-Iſland*, in *Surry* County, to *Higginſon's* Landing, on Colonel *Lewis Burwell*'s Land, ſo long as the Ferry-Keeper will, at his own Charge, keep a ſufficient Bridge over *Hog-Iſland* Creek, and upon Failure thereof, on *Hog-Iſland* main"; and that the ſaid Ferry-Keeper hath hitherto neglected to keep ſuch Bridge over the ſaid Creek, by which Means Perſons who croſs at the ſaid Ferry, are obliged to embark from the Main, where they are always obliged to wait the Tides in getting on Board the Ferry-Boats, the Landing being very ſhallow and dangerous; and praying that an Act of Aſſembly may paſs, appointing a Ferry to be kept from *Fort*-Point, on the ſaid Iſland, to the ſaid *Higginſon*'s Landing; the Landing at the ſaid Point being ſuch, that Boats may go from thence at any Tide; was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Carter Burwell*, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Returns of ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly; and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the ſeveral Writs, for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Albemarle*, *Eſſex*, *Fairfax*, *Halifax*, *Lancaſter*, *Louiſa*, *Lunenburg*, *Prince-Edward*, *Suſſex and Norfolk*; and the Return of the Writ, for electing a Burgeſs for the College of *William* and *Mary*, and alſo the Return of the Writ for electing a Citizen for the City of *Williamſburg*, are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Auguſta*, *Bedford*, *Frederic*, *Hampſhire*, *Lunenburg*, *Surry*, and *Weſtmoreland*, are not made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Ordered, That the Returns of the reſpective Sheriffs of *Auguſta*, *Bedford*, *Hampſhire*, *Lunenburg*, *Surry* and *Weſtmoreland*, be amended by the Clerk at the Table.

Ordered, That the Sheriff of *Frederic* be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms to amend his Return.

Ordered, That Mr *Briggs* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till To-morrow S'ennight.

A Claim of *Bennet Hilſman*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned;

Alſo a Claim of *William Adams*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims reſpectively in the Book of Claims.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning, Ten o'Clock.

Wedneſday, May 7th, 1755.
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MR. Attorney from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice reported, That the Committee had according to Order inſpected the Journals of the ſecond, third, fourth, and fifth Seſſions of this preſent General Aſſembly, and had prepared and drawn up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein, and had agreed upon a Report, which he

he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

Refolved, That it appears to this Committee, that a Petition of *John Brummel*'s, ſetting forth, That a Negroe Man Slave belonging to the Petitioner, was by a Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer* held in the County of *Chefterfield*, convicted of a Rape, ſentenced to be hanged, and valued at 60 £. Current Money: That before the Day appointed for his Execution he broke out of Goal, and had not been ſince retaken; and praying an Allowance for him was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That the Petition of *George Purcelly*, ſetting forth, That his Negroe Man *Guy*, being by a Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer* held for his Tryal, ſentenced to be hanged, and valued at 45 £. Current Money, afterwards and before the Day appointed for his Execution made his Eſcape out of Goal, and had not ſince been taken; and praying the Relief of this Houſe therein, was preſented to the Houſe at the firſt Seſſion of this Aſſembly and read, and was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, and at that Aſſembly was again referred to the next Seſſion; the Petitioner not appearing to make out the Allegation of his Petition.

That the Petition of *Robert Blaws*, for Tobacco damaged at the *Great Bridge* Warehouſe, in *Norfolk* County, was preſented to the Houſe at the firſt Seſſion of this Aſſembly and read, and was referred to the Conſideration of the then next Seſſion of Aſſembly; and at that Aſſembly, the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition was again referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, the Petitioner not appearing to make out the Allegation of his Petition.

That the Petition of *Francis Whiting*, Guardian of *John* and *Mary Whiting*, Orphans of *Francis Whiting*, deceaſed, ſetting forth, That *Will* a Negroe Man Slave, belonging to the ſaid Orphans, being run away and duly outlawed, ran into a Creek and was drowned in avoiding ſome Perſons that were in Purſuit of him, and praying Relief was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, the Witneſs not appearing to make out the Allegation thereof.

That a note of the Inſpectors of the Public Warehouſe at *Kennon*'s, for one Hogſhead of Tobacco belonging to *John Weſt*, which was burnt in the ſaid Warehouſe, and not mentioned in the Memorial of the ſaid Inſpectors, was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That the Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Houſekeepers, of the Pariſh of St. *Andrew*, in the County of *Brunſwick*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That by an Act of Aſſembly, made in the Twenty fifth Year of his preſent Majeſty's 16
Reign, the Pariſh of St. *Andrew*, in the County aforeſaid, was divided into two diſtinct Pariſhes by the Name of St. *Andrew* and *Meherrin*: That the Sheriff of the ſaid County, was directed by the ſaid Act to ſummon the Freeholders and Houſekeepers of the ſaid Pariſhes of St. *Andrew* and *Meherrin*, reſpectively to elect and chooſe Twelve of the moſt able and diſcreet Men of the ſaid Pariſh reſpectively, to be Veſtry Men thereof; That the ſaid Sheriff, purſuant to the Directions of the ſaid Act, did ſummon the Freeholders and Houſekeepers of the ſaid Pariſh of St *Andrew*, to meet at the Court-Houſe of the ſaid County, on the Day of *July*, 1754. And then and there cauſed twelve Men to be elected and choſen as Veſtry Men of the ſaid Pariſh of St. *Andrew*, tho' he did not take their Votes himſelf from the reſpective Voters, but got ſeveral Perſons to procure the Voters to ſign Liſts of the Perſons they Voted for, and bring in ſuch Liſts to him the ſaid Sheriff, who (without calling over the Names of the Voters) returned the Veſtry Men according to ſuch Liſts, many of which were taken and ſome of the Candidates Names eraſed and altered, without the Knowledge or Conſent of ſeveral of the Voters, and praying that the ſaid Veſtry ſo illegally elected and choſen might be diſſolved, and another Veſtry elected in the ſaid Pariſh, was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Petition of *Arthur Smith*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, Proprietor of the Lots in the Town of *Smithfield*, whereon the Publick

lick Warehouſes were ordered to be built, had at his own Expence erected, and compleatly finiſhed a Warehouſe, with Locks, Prizes, *&c.* Forty four Feet ſquare, which was ſoon afterwards burnt, with ſeveral Hogſheads of Tobacco, to the Petitioners Loſs at leaſt Sixty Pounds, and Praying ſuch Relief as this Houſe ſhould think reaſonable, was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Petition of ſundry of the Inhabitants of *Fairfax* County praying a Diviſion of their County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants on the *South* Side of the *Fluvanna* River in the County of *Albemarle*, ſetting forth, That the large Extent of their County, and their great Diſtance from the Court-Houſe, renders their Attendance at the Court of the ſaid County very inconvenient and burthenſome to them, and praying a Diviſion of the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Petition of *John Herndon* and *Philip Peyton*, ſetting forth, That they had, by Order of the Court of *Spotſylvania* County attended the General Court, as Witneſſes for the King, upon a Proſecution againſt one *Andrew Crafford*, and had entered their Attendance in the Secretary's Office, but that their Attendance was omitted to be certified to the General Aſſembly, by Means whereof, they had not received the uſual Allowance to Witneſſes for the King, and praying that the Houſe would take the ſame into their Conſideration, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

17 That a Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Princeſs Anne*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That their Lands being very poor, and but ſmall Quantities of Tobacco made there, they were ſubject to great Impoſitions in the Diſcharge of their Tobacco Debts, and praying that a bill might be brought in to impower the Court of the ſaid County, to fix a Price on Tobacco at the Court to be held in *September* or *October* yearly, that ſuch Perſons as have not Tobacco, ſufficient to diſcharge all their Public Dues, might, after applying ſo much Tobacco as they might have, pay the Ballance in Caſh, and ſuch as have none, diſcharge all their Tobacco Debts, at the Prices rated by the ſaid Court, and was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Cople*, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That there had been for a long Time, a Perſon, ſitting, and acting as a Veſtry Man of the ſaid Pariſh, who was no Inhabitant thereof, contrary to the Directions of an Act of Aſſembly in that Caſe made and provided, who had ſo great Influence over the Veſtry, that notwithſtanding divers Attempts had been made, to comply with the Laws, by electing another Veſtry Man in his Room he had ſtill continued in that Office, during which Time, he had by his unlawful Votes and Influence, cauſed many of his own Relations to be elected of the ſaid Veſtry, who, the Petitioners apprehend are actuated ſolely by his Directions, and who, on Occaſion, might ſerve as proper Inſtruments to ſupport any deſtructive Schemes to their Ruin, in the Receſs of the Aſſembly, when no Redreſs could be obtained: And alſo complaining of divers Male Practices in the Church-Wardens of the ſaid Pariſh, and praying that the ſaid Veſtry might be diſſolved, or their Grievances otherwiſe redreſſed, as to the Houſe ſhould ſeem meet, and was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Petition of ſundry Merchants and other Inhabitants of the Counties of *Prince-George* and *Dinwiddie*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining of great Abuſes and iniquitous Practices committed at the upper Warehouſes on *James* and *Appomattox* Rivers, by a Company of Men, confederate, and in Partnerſhip together, called Pickers, attending the ſaid Warehouſes to pick ſuch Tobacco as ſhall be refuſed by the Inſpectors, whom the Planters are obliged to employ, as moſt of them live at too great a Diſtance from the Warehouſes, to pick their refuſed Tobacco themſelves, and that the Planters

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are obliged to comply with their Terms however exorbitant, or have their Tobacco totally burnt according to the Directions of the Tobacco Law; that their Behaviour, was become ſo general and public a Grievance, that it required immediate Redreſs, and praying that the Houſe would make ſuch Proviſion againſt this crying Evil, as ſhould by them be thougth moſt effectual, and was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Bill intituled, *An Act for the better and more effectual Improvement of the Staple of Tobacco*, was twice read, on *Monday* the 28th Day of *October*, 1754, the third reading of the Bill was put off till *Saturday* Se'nnight after, before which Day, the Houſe was prorogued, and the Printer to the Houſe was ordered to print and publiſh the ſaid Bill, 18
and deliver a Copy thereof, to each Member of the Houſe, for their Peruſal.

That a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Amelia*, in Oppoſition to a Petition of the *Southern* Inhabitants of the ſaid County, ſaid to have been preſented to the Houſe, for dividing the ſaid County of *Amelia*, by the Pariſh Line, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Claim of *John Wheatley*'s, for Dieting and Lodging the Tributary Indians, when in *Williamſburg*, was preſented to the Houſe, and received, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Petition of *Chriſtopher Gift*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That he had for ſome Years paſt uſed his utmoſt Endeavours to promote the Settlement of his Majeſty's Lands on the River *Ohio*, and had engaged a conſiderable Number of Families to remove there, from the adjoining Provinces, which was prevented by a Survey, made by one *William Ruffel*, which included the Land where the ſaid Settlement was propoſed, That the Petitioner having ſettled there with his Family, upon the late Incurſions of the *French*, his Majeſty's Forces under the Command of Colonel *Waſhington*, encamped at the Petitioner's Plantation, and his Horſes and Carriages being employed in his Majeſty's Services, he was thereby prevented from removing the greateſt Part of his Effects, to the Value of near two hundred Pounds, which the *French* either took away or deſtroyed, beſides ſetting Fire to all his Houſes and Fencing, which had been removed and uſed as a Paliſado for the Security of his Majeſty's Forces, to a conſiderable Value, and praying that the Houſe would be pleaſed to make him ſuch Allowance for repairing his Loſſes, as they ſhould think fit, as he had been, and ſtill ſhould be ready, on all Occaſions, to riſque his Life and ſmall Fortune, in promoting the Settlement of that Part of his Majeſty's Dominions ſo neceſſary to the Preſervation and Intereſt of all his *American* Plantations, and was referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That upon a Motion made, It was ordered, that Leave be given, to bring in a Bill, to prevent Mutiny and Deſertion, and it was referred to M^r^ *Fitzhugh* and M^r^ *Landon Carter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

That a Petition of *Vendal Brown*, ſetting forth, That the *French* had ſlaughtered all his Stock of Cattle and Horſes, and deſtroyed his Effects and Grain, and praying the Houſe would take the ſame under their Conſideration, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

That the ſeveral Claims of *George Peay*, *Henry Lightfoot*, *Marquis Calmes* Junior, *Daniel Tucker*, *William Forſter*, *Elizabeth Maclade*, *William Swift*, *William Hudſon*, *Japheth Wayne* Junior, *Francis Baber*, *Miles Raly*, *Larkin Chew*, *Seymor Powell* Junior, *John Briggs*, *Sarah Cornick* Widow, and Executrix of *Joel Cornick* deceaſed, *Anthony Sidner*, *John Flint*, *Joſeph Yeatman*, *John Purcell*, *Chriſtopher Chinn*, *John Hammond*, *Robert Forreſter*, *John Chapman*, *John Holliday*, *Joſeph Wyatt*, *Richard Womack*, *John Love*, *Martin Picket*, *William Gordon*, *Robert Inge*, *Richard Warren*, *Abraham Whitworth*, *Henry Lacy*, *John Day*, *John Peyton* Aſſignee of *John Gibſon*, *Harriſon Gammon*, *Cuth-* 19
bert Hubberd, *Elizabeth Dendy* Executrix of *Charles Dendy* deceaſed, *James Linſay*, *Thomas Andrews*, *Alexander Finnie*, *John Lee*, *John Murray*, *William Crawley*, *Thomas Bowlware*, *John Short*, *Ambroſe Ballard*, and *Thomas Crawford*, for taking up Runaways, were

were preſented to the Houſe and received, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Petitions of *John Brummel*, *George Purcelly*, *Robert Blaws*, *Francis Whiting*, *Arthur Smith*, *John Herndon*, *Philip Peyton*, and *Vendal Brown*; and the Note of the Inſpectors of the public Warehouſes at *Kennon*'s, and the ſeveral Claims mentioned in the ſaid Report, be referred to the Committee of Claims; and that the Petition of *Chriſtopher Gift*, and the ſeveral Propoſitions mentioned therein, be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A Petition of *James Good*, ſetting forth, That he had ſerved his Majeſty as a ſoldier in the Expedition againſt the *French*, and in a Battle with them at the Great Meadows, had received Wounds in his Left Arm and Thigh, whereby he was rendered incapable of getting a Livelihood, together with a Certificate under the Hand of Sir *John St. Clair*, thereto annexed, atteſting the Truth of the ſaid Petition, and repreſenting the Petitioner as a proper Object of Charity, were preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition and Certificate do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech on *Friday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Thurſday, May 8th, 1755.

MR. *Charles Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions and Petitions to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and is as follows;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the Counties of *Caroline*, *Goochland*, *Hanover*, *King-George*, *King and Queen*, *King William*, *Louiſa*, *Prince William*, and *Spotſylvania*, for limitting the Number of Tobacco Plants that may be tended by each Tithable, be rejected.

The ſaid Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Propoſitions from the Counties of *Caroline*, *Goochland*, *Hanover*, *King-George*, *King & Queen*, *King William*, *Louiſa*, *Prince William*, and *Spotſylvania*, for limitting the Number of Tobacco Plants that may be tended by each Tithable are reaſonable.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Johnſon*, Mr *Henry Robinſon*, Mr *Moore*, and Mr *Buſhrode*, do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

A Petition of *Michael MacCannon*, ſetting forth, That he had ſerved his Majeſty as a Soldier in the Expedition againſt the *French*, and in the late Engagement with them at the Great Meadows had received Wounds in his Shoulder, Arm, and Knee, which had rendered him incapable of getting his Livelihood; together with Certificates under the Hands of Sir *John St. Clair*, and Captain *Andrew Lewis*, thereto annexed, atteſting the Truth of the ſaid Petition, and repreſenting the Petitioner as a proper Object of Charity.

Alſo a Petition of *John Hamilton* to the ſame Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read;

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

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Ordered, That Mr *Tucker* be added to the Committee of Trade; that Mr *Henry Robinſon*, and Mr *Hedgman*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and that Mr *Kendall* be added to the Committee of Claims.

A Claim of *William Brooks*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned;

Alſo a Claim of *William Hogan*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims, in the Book of Claims.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions and Petitions from ſeveral Counties to them referred; and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ten firſt Reſolutions were again read, and are as follow:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Cople*, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, praying the Veſtry of that Pariſh may be diſſolved, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of the Freeholders and Houſekeepers of the Pariſh of *Cople*, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, in oppoſition to the Petition for diſſolving the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *John Wright*, praying to be allowed for a Servant Man that was committed to Goal for Felony, and afterwards ſent into the Army, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of St. *Paul*, and St. *Martin*'s in the County of *Hanover*, praying that the ſaid two Pariſhes may be divided into three, and the Petition of the Pariſhioners of the ſaid Pariſh of St. *Martin*, to the ſame Purpoſes, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *William* 21
Tyler, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his Land, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, to the Province of *Maryland*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Frederick*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from the Land of *Thomas Swearingen*, in the ſaid County, acroſs the River *Patowmack*, to his Land in the Province of *Maryland*, oppoſite thereto, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Princeſſ-Anne*, praying that the Juſtices of the ſaid County may be impowered and obliged in the Months of *September* or *October* yearly, in their County Court, to fix a Price on Tobacco, and that ſuch Perſons who have not Tobacco to diſcharge their public Dues, may pay the ſame in Money at the ſaid fixed Price, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the County of *Albemarle*, on the *South* Side the River *Fluvanna*, for dividing that County by the ſaid River, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Freeholders and Houſekeepers of the County of *Louiſa*, ſituate back of the Little Mountains, praying that that Part of the County of *Albemarle* that lies on the *North* Side of the *North* Fork of *James* River up the ſaid Branch to *Adams*'s Ferry, and from thence by the Road by *Woods*'s Gap, may be taken from the ſaid County of *Albemarle*, and to divide the ſaid County of *Louiſa*, with that Addition, into two diſtinct Counties, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of the upper Inhabitants of the County of *Prince William*, and the Petition of the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, praying a Law may paſs for dividing the ſaid County, be rejected.

The nine firſt Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto,

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The Tenth Reſolution being alſo read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, That the Houſe agree thereto.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the upper Inhabitants of the County of *Prince-William*, and the Petition of the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, praying a Law may paſs for dividing the ſaid County, are reaſonable.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills purſuant to the Reſolutions agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report, as to the Other Reſolutions, be put off till *Saturday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

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Friday, May 9th, 1755.

MR. *Charles Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions from ſeveral Counties to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of the Freeholders, Houſekeepers and Inhabitants on the South Side the *Fluvanna* River, in *Albemarle* County, praying that that Part of the ſaid County may be added to the County of *Louiſa*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *Lawrence Waſhington*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his Land in the County of *Stafford*, on *Patowmack* River, to the Province of *Maryland*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *Chriſtopher Gift*, praying to be allowed a Satiſfaction for the Loſſes he ſuſtained by the Incurſions of the *French*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition from the County of *Lancaſter*, for removing *Chilton*'s Warehouſe, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, praying to be reimburſed a proportionable Part of the Expences incurred for public Buildings by the County of *Lunenburg*, while the ſaid County of *Bedford*, was part thereof, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Iſle of Wight*, *Nanſemond*, and *Southampton*, praying a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from *Fort* Point in *Hog* Iſland on *James* River to *Higginſon*'s Landing, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Propoſition from the County of *Lancaſter*, for the Trial of Slaves and Convicts committing capital Crimes by the Juſtices of the County Courts, be rejected.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom it is referred to prepare and bring in a Bill *For eſtabliſhing a Ferry from the Land of* Thomas Swearingen, *in the County of* Frederic, *acroſs the River* Patowmack, *to his Land in the Province of* Maryland, *oppoſite thereto*, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſecond and fixth Reſolution. And that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, to whom it is referred, to bring in a Bill *To put the Perſons attending at the upper Warehouſes to pick refuſed Tobacco, under ſome Regulation*; That they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the fourth Reſolution, and that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, to whom it is referred to prepare and bring in a Bill *For dividing the*

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Pariſh of Nottoway, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the fifth Reſolution.

Mr Pendleton, reported that the Committee appointed had according to Order prepared a Bill *To limit the Number of Tobacco Plants to be tended by the Tithable Perſons in this Colony*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *William Lightfoot* Eſquire, ſetting forth, That in the Beginning of the Year 1754, a Mulattoe Slave named *Jaſper*, belonging to the Petitioner, run away and being outlawed, ſtole a Horſe and eſcaped into *North Carolina*, where he was taken and delivered to one *Amos Newſum*; but on his Return, in order to avoid Hanging, which he often ſaid he expected if he was brought back into this Colony, he daſhed his Brains out againſt a Rock, and praying to be allowed for the ſaid Slave, was preſented the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A Petition of *Edward Waſhington* and *William Bayley*, Inſpectors at *Occoquan* Warehouſe, in *Fairfax* and *Prince William* County, ſetting forth, That they yearly inſpected near 1,000 Hogſheads of Tobacco, and are obliged to attend two Warehouſes, and praying an Increaſe of their Salary, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to whom it is referred to prepare and bring in a Bill *For dividing the Pariſh* of Nottoway, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, "To oblige the Pariſh of *Cumberland*, in the County "of *Lunenburg*, to repay to the Pariſh of *Antrim*, in the County of *Halifax*, their Propor- "tion of the Money and Tobacco expended in building Churches in the ſaid Pariſh of "*Cumberland*, before the Diviſion thereof."

The Houſe according to Order reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech; and after ſome Time ſpent therein Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Speech under their Conſideration and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Law intituled, *An Act concerning Executions and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors*, ought to be amended.

Ordered, That the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, do prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

Mr *Carter*, alſo acquainted the Houſe that the Committee not having Time to go 24
thro' the Governor's Speech, had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration the Governor's Speech on *Monday* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Adams* be added to the Committee of Trade.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Saturday, May 10th, 1755.

A Claim of *Joſeph Carter*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Jermiah Carter*, for the ſame Service;

Alſo a Claim of *John Barkſdale*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims reſpectively in the Book of Claims.

A Bill, *To limit the Number of Tobacco Plants to be tended by the Tithable Perſons in this Colony*, was read a ſecond Time, and an Amendment made to the Title.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendment be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

Ordered, That the third reading of the ſaid Bill be put off till *Wedneſday* next.

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe on *Wedneſday* next.

The Houſe proceeded to the further Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances made on *Thurſday* laſt, and the ſame was again read, and is as follows:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of *John Rhodes* and *Edward Dillard*, Inſpectors at *Urbanna* Warehouſe, praying their Salaries may be raiſed, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of five Pounds per Annum to each of the ſaid Inſpectors Salaries, is a reaſonable Addition;

And the Queſtion being ſeverally put, that the Houſe do agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Ordered, That Mr *Edmunds* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Ten a Clock.

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Monday, May 12th, 1755.

MR. *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill *For diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Cople, *and electing a new Veſtry for the ſaid Pariſh*;

Alſo a Bill *For dividing the Pariſh of St.* Paul *and St.* Martin *in the County of* Hanover;

Alſo a Bill *For dividing the County of* Prince William;

Alſo a Bill *For enabling the Inhabitants of the County of* Princeſs Anne, *to pay their public Dues in Money*, and the ſame were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr Speaker,

"I am commanded by the Governor to lay before your Houſe an original Letter "from Sir *John St. Clair*, to his Honor, dated from the Camp at Fort *Cumberland* the 2d "Inſtant, and the ſame was read."

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie on the Table.

Mr Attorney from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, preſented to the Houſe according to Order a Bill to amend an Act intituled, *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to he read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *William Lanſdown*, ſetting forth, That he was inliſted as a Soldier in Captain *Stewarts* Company in the *Virginia* Regiment, and on a Review was diſcharged as being under the proper Size, and praying that he may be allowed his pay for 120 Days.

Alſo a Petition of the Soldiers that were discharged from his Majeſty's Service, praying that this Houſe will take their neceſſitous Circumſtances into Conſideration, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read;

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Thomas Penman*, Keeper of the public Goal, ſetting forth, That this Houſe did at the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, alter the Method of the Payment of the Petitioners

tioners Salary, by increaſing his Allowance for maintaining the Priſoners from that to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, and praying that this Houſe will be pleaſed to continue ſuch Allowance, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr Attorney from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, reported that the Committee had according to Order examined what Laws have expired ſince the Seſſion of Aſſembly in the Year 1753, and inſpected ſuch Temporary Laws as will expire with or ſoon after the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Act of Aſſembly made 26
in the 28th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign intituled, *An Act for raiſing Levies and Recruits to ſerve in the preſent Expedition againſt the* French *on the* Ohio, which will expire on the 17th Day of *October* next, as to ſo much thereof, as relates to the raiſing and levying Men, ought not to be continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the 27th, Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſſippi, which will expire on the 14th Day of *February*, 1757, as to ſo much thereof as relates to the raiſing and impoſing the Duties, and collecting and paying the ſame in the ſaid Act mentioned, ought not to be continued.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the 25th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for preſerving the Breed of Sheep*, which expired at the End of the Seſſion of Aſſembly, held in *Auguſt* laſt, ought to be revived.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 25th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Alexandria, which expired at the End of the Seſſion of Aſſembly, held in *Auguſt* laſt, ought to be revived.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 25th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled *An Act for regulating the Size and Dimenſions of Staves, Heading, and Shingles, intended for Exportation to* Madeira, *and the* Weſt Indies, which will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, ought to be further continued.

The ſecond and laſt Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the ſaid Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſſippi, as relates to the raiſing and impoſing the Duties, and collecting, and paying the ſame in the ſaid Act mentioned, ought to be continued.

The other Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Committee for Courts of Juſtice do prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions as agreed to by the Houſe.

Peyton Randolph Eſquire, who was appointed Agent by this Houſe to negotiate the Affairs of this Colony in *Great-Britain*, this Day made a Report of his Negotiation of the ſeveral Matters given him in Charge, and at the ſame Time preſented to the Houſe a Tranſcript of an additional Inſtruction from his Majeſty to *William Anne*, Earl of *Albemarle*, his Majeſty's Lieutenant and Governor General of this Colony, and in his Abſence to the Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief of this Colony, for the Time being, relating to the Subject of his ſaid Agency.

Upon

27 Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente,

That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to *Peyton Randolph* Eſquire, for his faithful Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in him by this Houſe. And accordingly Mr Speaker from the Chair returned him (he ſtanding in his Place) the Thanks of the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney be deſired to deliver to the Clerk of this Houſe, the ſeveral Papers in his Poſſeſſion relating to his Agency.

A Petition of *John Moore*, Proprietor of *Gibſons* Warehouſe, in *King George* County, ſetting forth, That he had expended 3 £. in repairing the public Wharf at that Landing, and that the Rents of the ſaid Warehouſe were not ſufficient to reimburſe him, and praying that he may be allowed his ſaid Expences, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Moſeley* and Mr *Travis*, be added to the Committee of Trade, that Mr *Dewey*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances and Privileges and Elections; and that Mr *Turner*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech on *Thurſday* next.

Upon a Motion made.

A Bill *For diſolving the preſent Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Cople, *and electing a new Veſtry for the ſaid Pariſh*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten a-Clock.

Tueſday, May 13th, 1755.

A Member returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

A Claim of *John Queſenbury*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned;

Alſo a Claim of *William Barker*, for the ſame Service;

Alſo a Claim of *William Wilſon*, for the ſame Service;

Alſo a Claim of *Joſeph Nicholls*, for the ſame Service;

Alſo a Claim of *Hartwell Cocke*, for the ſame Service;

28 Alſo a Claim of *Gilbert Gray*, for the ſame Service;

Alſo a Claim of *William Maclin*, for the ſame Service;

Alſo a Claim of *James Crow*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to allow the ſaid Claims reſpectively in the Book of Claims.

Two Accounts of *William Maclin*, againſt the Public, for ferrying over the tributary Indians, from *Swan*'s Point, were preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions from ſeveral Counties

Counties to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions threupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follow;

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Edward Waſhington* and *William Bayley*, Inſpectors at *Occoquan* Warehouſe, praying their Salaries may be raiſed is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Sum of five Pounds a Year to each of the ſaid Inſpectors, is a reaſonable Allowance.

Reſolved, That the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the County of *Auguſta*, ſituate on the Waters of *James* River and *Roanoke*, praying the ſaid County may be divided, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petitions of the Inhabitants of the ſaid County in Oppoſition to the Petitions for a Division thereof, are reaſonable.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill *For putting the Perſons attending the upper Warehouſes to pick refuſed Tobacco, under ſome Regulation*, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the firſt and ſecond Reſolutions.

A Petition of *Auguſtine Waſhington* and *William Withers*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That *John Withers*, formerly of this Colony, was among other Lands ſeiſed in Fee of 553 Acres or thereabouts, called and known by the Name of *Chowtank*, ſituate in the County of *Stafford*, and being ſo ſeiſed by his laſt Will and Teſtament dated the 29th Day of *Auguſt* 1689, deviſed the ſame to his Daughter *Sarah Withers*, for her Life, and after her Deceaſe, to his Couſin *William Withers*, and the Heirs male of his Body, and for Default of ſuch Iſſue to Mr *Thomas Withers* of *Lancaſter*, in *Great-Britain*, and his Heirs male, and for want of ſuch Iſſue to any one proving themſelves to be of the Name of *Withers*. That the ſaid *William Withers*, died in this Colony ſoon after the Teſtator, without Iſſue male, having never been married. That the ſaid *Thomas Withers*, in the Will aforeſaid named, died in *England*, leaving Iſſue *Edmund Withers*, his eldeſt Son and Heir male, who alſo died in *England*, leaving his Brother *William Withers* his Heir male. That the ſaid *William Withers*, laſt mentioned alſo 29
died in *England*, leaving Iſſue *Thomas Withers*, his eldeſt Son and Heir male, who alſo died there and left Iſſue your Petitioner *William Withers*, his eldeſt Son and Heir male, who conceives himſelf intituled to the ſaid Lands called *Chowtank*, after the Death of the Daughter and Deviſee of the Teſtator *John Withers*.

The ſaid Petition further ſet forth, That after the Death of the ſaid Teſtator *John Withers*, the ſaid *Sarah Withers*, his Daughter and Deviſee, entered into the ſaid Land called *Chowtank*, and afterwards married one *Connoway*, and did together with her ſaid Huſband ſell and convey the ſaid Land, to *Auguſtine Waſhington*, late of the County of *King George*, now deceaſed, who entered into the ſame and by his laſt Will and Teſtament in writing did deviſe the ſaid Land to his Son *Samuel Waſhington*, now an Infant and his Heirs, and by his ſaid Will did direct that if the ſaid Land called *Chowtank*, ſhould be recovered from the ſaid *Samuel Waſhington*, that then he ſhould have an Equivalent out of the Eſtate by the ſame Will deviſed to your Petitioner *Auguſtine*.

The ſaid Petition further ſet forth, That the ſaid *Sarah Conoway*, the Daughter and Heir at Law of the firſt Teſtator *John Withers* is now living, and the Witneſs who could prove your Petitioner *William*'s Pedigree being antient and infirm, and living chiefly in *England*; it is probable ſeveral tedious and expenſive Lawſuits may ariſe concerning the Title to the ſaid Land called *Chowtank*, after the Death of the ſaid *Sarah Conoway*; for preventing whereof and in order to quiet the ſaid *Samuel Waſhington*, in the Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Lands the Petitioner *William Withers*, had agreed with the Petitioner *Auguſtine Waſhington*, to accept of a Sum of Money as a Satisfaction for his Right to the ſaid Land; and praying that an Act of Aſſembly may paſs for veſting the Feeſimple Eſtate and Inheritance of the ſaid 533 Acres of Land called *Chowtank*, in the ſaid *Samuel Waſhington*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr Attorney to prepare and bring in the ſame.

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A Petition of *Owen Gwathney* and *Henry Guthry*, Inſpectors at *Aylett*'s Warehouſe in *King William* County, ſetting forth, That this Houſe did at the Seſſion of Aſſembly in *November* 1753, allow to each of them 5 £. *per* Annum to that Time, as an additional Salary in Conſideration of the great Increaſe of their Buſineſs, which ſtill continues the ſame, and praying that the ſaid additional Salary may be allowed them to this Time.

Alſo a Petition of *John Evans* and *James Jameſon*, Inſpectors at *Roy*'s Warehouſe in *Caroline* County, to the ſame Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to deduct all Claims not allowable by Law, and that they levy the ſame upon the Perſons who have received them from the County.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will receive no Petitions after *Wedneſday* Se'ennight.

Ordered, That M^r *Hutchings*, be added to the Committee of Trade, that M^r *Whiting*, be added to the Committees of Propoſitions and Grievances and Privileges and Elections, and that M^r *Bolling*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions.

A Bill to amend an Act intituled, *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors*, was read a ſecond Time and committed to M^r *Landon Carter*, M^r *Gabriel Jones*, M^r *Johnſon*, M^r *Pendleton*, M^r *Power*, and M^r Attorney.

A Bill *For dividing the Pariſhes of* St. Paul *and* St. Martin, *in the County of* Hanover, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members for *Hanover* and *Louiſa* Counties, and M^r *Pendleton*.

M^r Attorney according to the Deſire of the Houſe, laid before the Houſe the ſeveral Papers in his Cuſtody relating to the Subject of his Agency to *Great Britain*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers be filed in the Office and kept among the Reords of this Houſe.

A Bill *For dividing the County of* Prince William, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Members for *Prince William* and *Fairfax*, and to M^r *Fairfax*.

An ingroſſed Bill entituled, *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Cople, *and electing a new Veſtry for the ſaid Pariſh*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Buſhrode*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill *For enabling the Inhabitants of the County of* Princeſs Anne, *to pay their public Dues in Money*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten a-Clock.

Wedneſday, May 14th, 1755.

A PETITION of the Inſpectors at the *Rockey-Ridge* Warehouſe, on *James*-River, ſetting forth, That their Buſineſs is of late greatly increaſed, and praying an Addition to their Salaries.

Alſo a Petition of *Joſeph Hawkins*, and *Ambroſe Ballard*, Inſpectors at *Royſton* Warehouſe, to the ſame Purpoſe.

Alſo a Petition of the Inſpectors at *Frederickſburg*, to the ſame Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Petition of the Honorable *William Byrd*, Eſquire, ſetting forth, That by, and in Purſuance of, an Act of Aſſembly, made in the 19th Year of the Reign of his preſent 31
Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for giving a Sum of Money to Truſtees for clearing the* Fluvanna, *and for appointing a Storehouſe at* Weſtham, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; the Petitioner has been at a conſiderable Expence in building Storehouſes at *Weſtham*, for the Reception of Tobacco and other Goods: That many People bring their Tobacco, and leave it on the Petitioner's Land for a conſiderable Time, till they can carry it away, without making any Uſe of the Storehouſes by him erected, ſo that he is a great Sufferer, the Storage he receives being far ſhort of the Charge he is at in keeping a Store-keeper, and reimburſing his Expences in building; and praying that this Houſe will oblige ſuch Perſons as bring their Tobacco and Goods to the Petitioner's Land at *Weſtham*, and cannot carry the ſame away the ſame Day, to pay the Petitioner Storage, according to the Directions of the ſaid Act; or that he may not be obliged to keep the ſaid Storehouſes public, and that the ſaid Act as to ſo much as relates to keeping the ſame, may be repealed, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off till *Wedneſday* next.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the further Improvement of the Staple of Tobacco, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was, according to Order, read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up; and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

"That a Petition of the Juſtices of *Frederick* County, directed to the Governor, Council and Houſe of Burgeſſes, had been read in Council, and was by them referred to the Conſideration of this Houſe, and the ſaid Petition was read, ſetting forth, That the Sheriff of that County labored under great Diſadvantages; his Fees, as now ſettled, being in Tobacco, at three Farthings *per* Pound; and that the great Diſtance the Inhabitants are ſettled from each other, and the Extenſiveneſs of their County greatly leſſens the Benefit he is ſuppoſed to receive, and renders it an Office of Slavery rather than Profit. That many of the former Sheriffs have been totally ruined, which diſcourages others who are to ſucceed, from accepting of that Office; and praying that the Fees of the Sheriff of the ſaid County, may be increaſed, and the rather becauſe the Perſon appointed is obliged to accept the ſaid Office, or pay a Fine he is liable to on Refuſal. And the Queſtion being put, That it be referred to a Committee,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr *Lomax* from the Committee of Trade, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Memorial of *James Thweat* and *John Dabney* Inſpectors at *Bolling*'s Point Warehouſe to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report be put off till *Wedneſday* next. 32

A Petition of *William Chandler*, ſetting forth, That in *March* 1754, he arreſted one *John Dorton*, who, he was informed, had committed a Felony on one *John Coleman*, and carried him to the Houſe of Col. *Bernard Moore*, a Juſtice of the Peace; That the Petitioner, with his Priſoner, waited ſome Time the Return of the ſaid Mr *Moore*, who was gone from home, but as ſoon as he returned, the Priſoner eſcaped, but being purſued and retaken by the Petitioner he ſtabbed and wounded the Petitioner ſo cruelly, That his Life was in great Danger: that he was at great Expence for Doctors, and hiring Perſons to manage his Plantation Buſineſs during his Illneſs. That the ſaid Priſoner was afterwards tried and convicted in the General Court for the ſaid Felony, which Puniſh-

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ment he would have eſcaped had not the Petitioner retaken him as aforeſaid, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A Claim of *Samuel Harris*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned; was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to allow the ſaid Claim in the Book of Claims.

An Account of *Robert Higginſon*, againſt the Public, for ferrying the tributary Indians, over the River, from *James*-Town, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Henry Robinſon*, from the Committee to whom the Bill *For dividing the Pariſh of St.* Paul *and St.* Martin *in the County of* Hanover; was committed reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Wedneſday* next.

Mr Attorney from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, preſented to the Houſe according to Order a Bill for reviving an Act intituled, *An Act for preſerving the Breed of Sheep.*

Alſo a Bill for reviving an Act, intituled, *An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Alexandria, and the ſaid Bills were read a firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten a-Clock.

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Thurſday, May 15th, 1755.

A Petition of *Alice Catlett* Widow, ſetting forth, That ſome Time laſt Year, *Ned* a Negroe Slave belonging to the Petitioner was committed to the Goal of *Culpeper* County for a Felony, and on a Trial was ſentenced to be burnt in the Hand, which was done; and ſome Perſons appearing in Court and making Oath that they apprehended ſome Miſchief from the ſaid Slave if he was diſcharged, the Court of the ſaid County recommitted him to Goal there to remain a Year, unleſs he could find Security for the Peace, ſoon after which he died in Goal, and praying that she may be paid the Value of the ſaid Slave, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Blackwell*, from the Committee, to whom the Bill *For dividing the County of* Prince William, was committed, reported, that the Committee had made an Amendment thereto, which he read in his Place, and delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendment be ingroſſed.

Mr *Lomax*, from the Committee of Trade, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Matters relating to the Trade of this Colony, and had come

come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows,

Reſolved, That the licenſing and regulating Pilots, and ſettling their Fees will be a Benefit to the Trade of this Colony.

Ordered, That the Committee of Trade do prepare and bring in a Bill purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

Ordered, That Mr *George Taylor*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till this Day Fortnight; Mr *Gabriel Jones*, for the Remainder of this Seſſion; Mr *Thomas Tabb*, till *Monday* Se'ennight, Mr *Curtis*, till this Day Se'ennight; Mr *Payne* and Mr *Marrable*, till *Saturday* Se'ennight, and Mr *Bolling*, till *Wedneſday* next.

A Petition of *John Ogleby*, ſetting forth, That he had ſerved his Majeſty as a Soldier under Colonel *Waſhington*, and by bad weather and conſtant Duty at the Battle at the *Great Meadows*, was become lame, and unfit for Service, and was diſcharged without Pay, and praying that this Houſe would order his Wages to be paid him, and ſuch other Relief as they ſhould think fit, was preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Claim of *William George*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claim in the Book of Claims.

Mr *Ruffin*, from the Committee of Public Claims, reported, That the Committee had 31
had under their Conſideration ſeveral Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follow;

On Conſideration of the Petition of *George Purcelley*, ſetting forth, That his Negroe Man *Guy*, being by a Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, held for his Trial, ſentenced to be hanged, and valued at Forty five Pounds Current Money, afterwards and before the Day appointed for his Execution, made his Eſcape out of Goal, and had not ſince been taken, and praying the Relief of the Houſe therein.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that the ſaid *George Purcelly* ought to be paid for his ſaid Slave by the Public.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Francis Whiting*, Guardian of *John* and *Mary Whiting*, Orphans of *Francis Whiting* deceaſed, ſetting forth, That *Will*, a Negroe Man Slave belonging to the ſaid Orphans being run away and duly outlawed, ran into a Creek and was drowned in avoiding ſome Perſons that were in Purſuit of him, and praying Relief.

Reſolved, That it appears to this Committee, That the ſaid Negroe ran away; that he was ſeen and purſued by two white Men; that the ſaid Negroe ran into a Marſh by the Side of a Creek; that when the Men came to the Marſh, they ſtopped, and the Negroe being about one Hundred Yards from them, on the Creek Side, ſtopped likewiſe, and looked back, and then jumped into the Creek and was drowned; that about three Hours afterwards one of the Perſons who had purſued the ſaid Negroe as aforeſaid, met a Man with a Proclamation of Outlawry againſt him, which he carried to the Clerk of the Pariſh Church, who publiſhed it the Day after.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *John Hearndon* and *Philip Peyton*, ſetting forth, That they had by Order of the Court of *Spotſylvania* County attended the General Court as Witneſſes for the King, upon a Proſecution againſt one *Andrew Crawford*, and had entered their Attendance in the Secretary's Office, but that their Attendance was omitted to be certified to the General Aſſembly, by Means whereof they had not received the uſual Allowance to Witneſſes for the King, and praying that the Houſe would take the ſame into their Conſideration.

Reſolved, That it appears to this Committee, That the Petitioners were Witneſſes for the King againſt the ſaid *Andrew Crawford*, for an Aſſault and Battery, and their Attend-

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ance duly entered in the Secretary's Office, but not certified to the General Aſſembly, the ſame not being a public Charge.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

35 Mr *Charles Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported that the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions from ſeveral Counties to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report be put off 'till *Wedneſday* next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That the Letter from Sir *John St. Clair*, to the Governor, laid before this Houſe by his Honor's Command, on *Monday* laſt, and then ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the Governor's Speech under their Conſideration and gone through the ſame, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows;

Reſolved, That a further Sum not exceeding Six Thouſand Pounds ought to be raiſed for the Protection of our Frontiers, againſt the Incroachments of the *French*.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe the Sum of Six Thouſand Pounds, purſuant to the Reſolution of the Committee this Day agreed to by the Houſe, on *Thurſday* next.

A Petition of *William Moſeley*, and *John Oſborne*, Inſpectors at *Oſborne*'s Warehouſe, in *Cheſterfield* County, ſetting forth, That their Buſineſs is greatly increaſed, and that the Salary allowed them is too ſmall for their Services, and praying an Increaſe of their Salaries;

Alſo a Petition of *Chriſtopher Martin* and *Field Archer*, Inſpectors at Col. *John Bolling*'s Warehouſe, to the ſame Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Petition of the Clergy of this Colony, ſetting forth, That the Salary appointed for them by Law is ſo ſcanty, that it is with Difficulty they ſupport themſelves and Families, and can by no Means make any Proviſion for their Widows and Children, who are generally left to the Charity of their Friends. That the ſmall Encouragement given to Clergymen is a Reaſon why ſo few come into this Colony from the two Univerſities, and that ſo many, who are a Diſgrace to the Miniſtry, find Opportunities to fill the Pariſhes: That the raiſing the Salary, would, in their Opinion, prove of great Service to this Colony, as a decent Subſiſtance would be a great Encouragement to the Youth to take
36 Orders, for want of which few Gentlemen have hitherto thought it worth while to bring up their Children in the Study of Divinity. That they generally ſpend many Years of their Lives at great Expence in Study, when their Patrimony is pretty well exhauſted, and when in holy Orders they can't follow any ſecular Employment for the Advancement of their Fortunes, and may, on that Account expect a more liberal Proviſion, was preſented to the Houſe and read; and the Queſtion being put, That the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

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Friday, May 16th, 1755.

A PETITION from *Albemarle* County, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from the Land of *George Stovall*, the younger, in that County, over the *Fluvanna*, to the Land of *George Stovall*, in *Bedford* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *James Thweat* Inſpector at *Bolling*'s Point Warehouſe, and *John Eppes* and *Thomas Scott*, Executors of *John Eppes*, deceaſed, who was an Inſpector at the ſaid Warehouſe, ſetting forth, That ſince the laſt additional Allowance made by this Houſe to their Salaries, they have ſhipped 6446 Hhds of Tobacco, and paid into the Treaſury 565 £. 18 *s.* 9 *d.* That they were obliged to keep two able Negroes, and employ a white Man at 18 £. a Year, to diſpatch the Buſineſs at the ſaid Warehouſe, which made ſo conſiderable a Deduction from their Salaries, that they did not clear more than 60 £. each, for the two laſt Years, out of which they were obliged to pay 25 £. for Tobacco ſtolen out of the ſaid Warehouſe, and praying ſuch further Allowance for the two laſt Years, as this Houſe ſhould think fit.

Alſo a Petition of *Lufley Turpin*, and *William Baugh*, Inſpectors at *Warwick* Warehouſe, on *James* River, praying an additional Allowance to their Salaries, in Conſideration of the Increaſe of their Buſineſs.

Alſo a Petition of *David Gorman*, ſetting forth, That he had ſerved his Majeſty as a Soldier in the late Engagement with the *French* at the Great Meadows, where he had received ſeveral Wounds, which had rendered him incapable of getting a Livelihood, together with a Certificate under the Hand of Captain *Adam Stephen*, atteſting the Truth of the ſaid Petition; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Committee to whom the Bill *For amending an Act*, intituled, *An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors*, was committed, be diſcharged from proceeding any further on the ſaid Bill, and that the ſaid Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe. 37

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Thurſday* next.

A Petition of ſeveral of the Veſtrymen and other Freeholders in the upper Pariſh in *Nanſemond* County, ſetting forth, That ſeveral of the Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh are ancient, weak and infirm Perſons, That ſome others refuſe to appear at the Veſtries when legally called, and that there has been for ſome paſt, a Diſagreement amongſt the Members, ſo that the Petitioners imagine the Buſineſs of the ſaid Pariſh is neglected, and praying that an Act may paſs for diſſolving the ſaid Veſtry, and that they may be impowered to elect twelve other Men, for Veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Riddick* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick* be added to the Committees of Propoſitions and Grievances, Privileges and Elections, and Trade.

Mr *Charles Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For erecting the County of* Prince Edward *into a diſtinct Pariſh, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Ruffin*, from the Committee of public Claims, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and are as follow,

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On Conſideration of the Petition of *George Maſon*, ſetting forth, That his Negroe Slave *Dick*, having ran away and committed many Felonies, was in due Form of Law outlawed, and being taken up by ſome of Captain *Mackay*'s Company, was by them delivered to one *Daniel James* in perfect Health; That as the ſaid *James* was carrying the ſaid Slave to the Conſtable, he pulled him off his Horſe, and in ſtruggling to make his Eſcape, received ſome Hurt, and refuſing to go any further, the ſaid *James* tied him with a Rope to his Horſe's Tail, and in that Manner dragged him to the next Houſe, where he, in a few Minutes expired, and praying ſuch Allowance for his ſaid Slave, as this Houſe ſhould think fit.

Reſolved, That it appears to this Committee, That the ſaid Negro ran away and committed ſome Crime, for which he was tried and one of his Ears cut off, by Order of the Court of the County of *Fairfax*, That about ten Days afterwards, he ran away again, and thereupon, *to wit*, on the 27th of *April* 1754, was outlawed in the common Form, and on the 24th of *May* following, was taken up by the Officers of Captain *Mackay*'s Company, on their March to the *Ohio*, and delivered by them to one *Daniel James*, who gave a Receipt for him, in which he promiſed to deliver the ſaid Slave to the Petitioner or his Order,
38 or otherwiſe into the Hands of ſome lawful Conſtable. That it appears to this Committee, That one *Samuel Jenkins*, who was a Witneſs to a Coroner's Inqueſt that was taken on the Body of the ſaid Slave, after his Death; that the ſaid *James* told the Deponent *Jenkins*, that ſoon after he was out of Sight of the Officers and Company that delivered him the ſaid Slave, he the ſaid Slave pulled the ſaid *James* off his Horſe, and attempted to make his Eſcape, and refuſed to go any further, ſaying he was outlawed, and if he was carried to Priſon he ſhould certainly be hanged, the ſaid *James* was obliged to uſe ſome Violence and ſtrike him two or three Blows; That ſoon after the ſaid Deponent met the ſaid *James*, the Negroe fell down in the Road, and either would not, or could not go any further; that there was a great Guſt riſing at the Time, and the ſaid *James* being afraid the ſaid Negroe might eſcape, tied him with a Rope to his Horſe's Tail, and in that Manner dragged him to the ſaid *Jenkins*'s Houſe, where he expired in a few Minutes afterwards: That the Jury upon examining the Body could not find any Wounds or Bruiſes that they thought ſufficient to kill him; That *Daniel James* told the Jury he believed the Negroe had poiſoned himſelf, for he ſaw him take ſomething out of his Pocket and ſwallow it, that he was ſoon after taken with a Vomitting, but as no other Perſon was by at the Time *James* ſaid he ſuſpected the Negroe took Poiſon, the Jury did not take much Notice of what he ſaid, and further that this appears by the Depoſition of one of the Coroner's Inqueſt, who proves *Jenkin's* Teſtimony before the Coroner's Inqueſt, as before recited.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Petition is reaſonable, and that the ſaid *George Maſon*, ought to be paid the Sum of Forty Pounds, for the ſaid Slave, by the Public.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That a Note of the Inſpectors of the public Warehouſes at *Kennon*'s for one Hogſhead of Tobacco, belonging to *John Weſt*, of nine hundred and twenty Pounds nett, which was burnt in the ſaid Warehouſe, and not mentioned in the Memorial of the ſaid Inſpectors, ought to be paid for by the Public, at the Rate of fifteen Shillings *per* Hundred.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Arthur Smith*, ſetting forth, That the Petitioner, Proprietor of the Lots in the Town of *Smithfield*, whereon the public Warehouſes were ordered to be built, had, at his own Expence erected and compleatly finiſhed a Warehouſe, with Locks, Prizes, *&c.* forty four Feet ſquare, which was ſoon afterwards burnt, with ſeveral Hogſheads of Tobacco, to the Petitioner's Loſs at leaſt ſixty Pounds, and praying ſuch Relief as this Houſe ſhould think reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it appears to this Committee, That on removing the public Warehouſes from *Wainwright*'s to *Smithfield*; the Petitioner built a Warehouſe there, That before any Tobacco was inſpected, or the Scales and Weights fixed in the ſaid Warehouſe, the ſame was burnt, and about eleven Hogſheads of Tobacco in it.

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Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, the ſaid Petition be rejected.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *John Dalton*, ſetting forth, That *James Farrow*, who was committed to the Goal of *Fairfax* County, for Felony, and ordered down to *Williamſburg* for his Trial, broke the ſaid Goal and eſcaped into *Maryland*; whereupon a Reward was offered for apprehending the ſaid Felon, in Conſequence whereof he was taken: And that the Petitioner paid 4 £. 17 *s.* 6 *d.* and praying, that he might be refunded, as it was done, for the Service of the Public.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The ſecond Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the ſaid *George Maſon*, be rejected.

The other Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Affirmative,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the third Reſolution.

A Petition of the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Bruton*, ſetting forth, That the Charge of providing for the Poor of the ſaid Pariſh, hath always been burthenſome to the Inhabitants thereof, and of late Years hath much increaſed, which they conceive is owing to the great Number of idle Perſons, that reſort to the City of *Williamſburg* (ſituate in the ſaid Pariſh) in publick Times, who lurk about the Town, and Parts adjacent, till they gain a Settlement, and then become a Charge to the Pariſh. That there is a Houſe belonging to the Pariſh, at the *Capitol* Landing, which might eaſily be converted into a Workhouſe, where the Poor might be more cheaply maintained, and uſefully employed; provided the Officers of the ſaid Pariſh had ſufficient Power to compel them to live there; and praying, that an Act may paſs to empower them to compel the Poor of their Pariſh, to dwell and work in the ſaid Houſe, under ſuch Regulations and Reſtrictions, as this Houſe ſhall direct.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Waller*, and Mr Attorney, to prepare and bring in the ſame;

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, That they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, to include all the Pariſhes in this Colony, and to empower the ſeveral Veſtries to eſtabliſh Workhouſes in their reſpective Pariſhes.

Mr Attorney, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill For continuing ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſſippi, *as relates to the raiſing and impoſing, collecting and paying the Duties therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee to whom it is referred, to prepare and bring in a Bill, for empowering the Juſtices of the County of *Princeſs Anne*, to fix a Price on Tobacco, to be paid for public Dues in that County, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for giving the ſame Power to the Juſtices of the County of *Norfolk*.

Ordered, That the third reading of the Bill for dividing the County of *Prince William*, be put off till *Wedneſday* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Woodbridge*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Thurſday* Se'ennight.

An ingroſſed Bill intituled, *An Act for dividing the Pariſhes of St.* Paul *and St.* Martin, *in the County of* Hanover, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Petition of *Stephen Watkins*, ſetting forth, That ſome Time laſt Year, he having walked out from Home, in his Abſence loſt one of his Children, and a Negroe Man Slave, who were murdered by another Negroe Slave, belonging to the Petitioner: That the Petitioner

titioner being informed thereof, immediately procured ſeveral Perſons to go armed in purſuit of the Murderer, who had run off, in order to bring him to Juſtice; but before they could come up with him, he had hanged himſelf, to avoid as the Petitioner ſuppoſes, the Puniſhment of the Law. That the Petitioner is an infirm old Man, and had no other Aſſiſtance to get his Living, than the two above mentioned Slaves; and praying, that he may be allowed the Value of the ſaid Slave, who committed the Murder, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That that the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Hutchings*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till To-morrow Se'ennight.

A Claim of *John Goodrich*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That it be an inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claims in the Book of Claims.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Tueſday* Morning Ten a-Clock.

Tueſday, May 20th, 1755.

MR. *Riddick*, preſented to the Houſe according to Order a Bill *For diſſolving the Veſtry of the upper Pariſh in the County of* Nanſemond; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill for reviving an Act intituled, *An Act for preſerving the Breed of Sheep*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Johnſon*, and Mr *Blackwell*.

41 A Bill, *For reviving an Act, intituled, An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Alexandria, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants near the City of *Williamſburg*, ſetting forth, The many Prejudices and Diſadvantages they are ſubject to, by the Liberty given to Slaves by their Maſters, to raiſe and ſell Fowls, and praying that Slaves may not be allowed to raiſe or ſell Geeſe, Turkeys, or any other Fowls, in or near the City of *Williamſburg*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Wedneſday, May 21ſt, 1755.

Ordered,

THAT Mr *Perkins* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Hanover*, praying a Diviſion of the ſaid County, by the Lines of St. *Martin*'s Pariſh, and that that Part of the County of *Louiſa* that lies in the ſaid Pariſh, may be added to the new County, was preſented to the Houſe and read; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to to a Committee,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A Petition of *James Daniel*, of *Caroline* County, ſetting forth, That in the Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, in *June*, 1752, he was ſummoned, and did attend the ſaid Court two Days as a Witneſs for the King, againſt one *Henry Bates* a Felon, having travelled 80 Miles, and croſſed at *Claibornes* Ferry, but that his Attendance was omitted to be entered in the Secretary's Office, by which Means he was not allowed for the ſame in the laſt public Levy, and praying that the legal Allowance may be made him for the Service aforeſaid.

Ordered, That it be Inſtructon to the Committee of Claims, to make the uſual Allowance to the ſaid *James Daniel*, in the Book of Claims.

A Petition of *Kenneth MacKenzie*, ſetting forth, That a Negroe Slave, belonging to him, named *Harry*, having quarreled with his Wife, ſtabbed her in ſeveral Places, and imagining that ſhe would die thereof, ran away, whereupon the Petitioner obtained an Outlawry againſt him, but before it could be publiſhed, the ſaid Slave hanged himſelf, and praying ſuch Allowance as this Houſe ſhould think fit, was preſented to the Houſe 42
and read, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

M^r *Waller*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For employing and better maintaining the Poor*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Claim of *James Vaughan*, for taking up a Runaway, therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to allow the ſaid Claim in the Book of Claims.

A Petition of *William Hunter* Printer, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That his Expence in carrying on the public Buſineſs, has been greatly increaſed ſince his Salary was firſt appointed, but as his Indiſpoſition has prevented him from preparing a particular Repreſentation of this Matter, he prayed that his uſual Salary may be continued to him, from hence to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That the Sum of 300 £. *per* Annum, be allowed to *William Hunter* Printer, from the End of this preſent Seſſion, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes, and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other publick Services.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that M^r *Waller* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrrence.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of Trade, made on *Wedneſday* laſt, and referred to be conſidered this Day, and the ſame was read and is as follows,

Reſolved, That the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt at *Bolling*'s Point Warehouſe, ought to be allowed by the public for the ſaid Tobacco, at the Rates following: *viz.*

For 723 Hogſheads paſſed this preſent Year	15 *ſ.*	*per Cent.*
50 paſſed in 1754	14 *ſ.*	
6 ..... 1753 and 1752	12 *ſ.* 6 *d.*	
3 ..... 1751 and 1748	10 *ſ.*	

And for the Tobacco which had been refuſed, but not picked at the Rate of 12 *ſ.* 6 *d. per Cent*, allowing 500 for each Hogſhead. And for the Tobacco uninſpected 14*ſ. per Cent.* allowing 1000 Nett, for each Hogſhead. And that the 16389 *lb.* Tobacco ſaved out of the burnt Tobacco ought to be applied to the Diſcharge of 16092 *lb.* due from the Inſpectors upon outſtanding tranſfer Notes.

The ſaid Report being read a ſecond Time, a Motion was made that it be recommitted to the ſaid Committee, and the Queſtion being put thereupon,

It paſſed in the Affirmative. 43

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be recommitted to the ſaid Committee.

A Memorial of Captain *John Morke*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That he having from his Infancy uſed the Seas, in the *Britiſh* Employ, and ſailed

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to the moſt diſtant Parts of the known World, has made it his Study and particular Care, (prompted thereto by his natural Genius and Temper) to make Obſervations and attain the Knowledge of ſuch uſeful Inventions, as may be of Service to the *Britiſh* Nation; particularly that he has diſcovered a Method to make Ship Timber, (with which this Colony is plentifully provided) much more durable than it has hitherto been, and will preſerve it found and free from Rottenneſs and Decay, (as he has experienced) three Times longer than thoſe built in the common Way, which valuable Secret, Memorialiſt out of his great Regard to the *Britiſh* Intereſt in General, and this Colony in particular, (to which this Method of preſerving Timber muſt be of very great Service) is induced to diſcover, and praying that this Houſe will appoint a ſmall Committee of two or three experienced Perſons to examine into and receive his ſaid Diſcovery and make a Report thereof to this Aſſembly, for which he deſires no other Reward than this Houſe ſhall think he deſerves.

The Memorial further ſets forth, That the Memorialiſt by his Acquaintance with the *Britiſh* Northern Colonies, and from his Remarks, Obſervations and Experience, having found that moſt if not all the Materials for naval Stores, and ſeveral other Commodities may be produced and brought to the greateſt Perfection in moſt or all Parts of the ſaid Northern Colonies, (which may greatly conduce to the enriching this) did lately, while in *England*, make it his Buſineſs to find out and engage ſeveral honeſt, able, and experienced Perſons, perfect Maſters in their ſeveral Arts, upon proper Encouragement, to come over and Inſtruct the People of theſe Colonies, to make Tar better and cure Hemp to a much greater Perfection than they have hitherto done; and alſo in the Art of making Pot-Aſh, Iron, Steel, *&c.* but as his Subſtance will not admit him to bring over the ſeveral Artiſts at his own Expence, he prays (if this Houſe ſhall think the ſaid Improvements will be for the Service of this Colony) that they will promote the ſame by granting a ſuitable Encouragement, and Support to the ſaid ſeveral Artiſts to come over and inſtruct the Inhabitants in the ſaid Improvements: But if this ſhould be unſuitable to the Circumſtances of this Colony at this Time, he hopes that this Houſe will not therefore deſpiſe his ſincere Intentions of being ſerviceable, but will enable him to return to his Family with ſome Comfort.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial do lie on the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing* Prince William, was according to Order read the the third Time, and Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Thomas Harriſon*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by M^r *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Cople, *and electing a new Veſtry for the ſaid Pariſh.*

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for reviving an Act, intituled, An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Alexandria, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Weſt*, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, made on *Thurſday* laſt, and referred to be conſidered this Day, and the ſame was read, and is as follows.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſitions from the County of *King George*, for eſtabliſhing a public Ferry, from the Land of *Anderſon Doniphon*, in the ſaid County, to the Land late *Lawrence Battail's*, in the County of *Caroline*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of ſeveral Merchants and other Inhabitants of the County of *Nanſemond*, praying, the public Warehouſe appointed at *Lawrences*, in that County, for the Inſpection of Tobacco may

may be diſcontinued, and another appointed and erected in Lieu thereof on the Land of *Thomas Milner* the younger, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Propoſition, from the County of *Lancaſter*, concerning the Importation of Convicts, be rejected.

The ſecond and third Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Affirmative

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill to put the Pickers of Tobacco under ſome Regulations, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report, as to the firſt Reſolution be put off till To-morrow Se'ennight.

A Petition of the Inſpectors at *Page*'s and *Crutchfield*'s Warehouſes in the County of *Hanover*, ſetting forth, That the Buſineſs at the ſaid Warehouſes is of late greatly increaſed, and praying an Increaſe of their Salaries: Alſo ſetting forth, that the ſaid Warehouſes have been ſeveral Times in Danger of being burnt down, occaſioned by miſchievous Perſons kindling Fires in, and near the ſaid Warehouſes, and praying, that ſome Method may be taken, for puniſhing ſuch Perſons as ſhall preſume to kindle Fires in or near the ſaid Warehouſes, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Bill, *For erecting the County of* Prince Edward, *into a diſtinct Pariſh, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to M^r^ *Bland*, M^r^ *Randolph*, and to the Members for *Lunenburg*, *Halifax*, *Bedford*, and *Prince Edward*.

M^r^ *Charles Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions from ſeveral Counties to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follow;

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Northumberland*, for reſtraining the tending ſo great Numbers of Tobacco Plants, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Houſekeepers, of the Pariſh of St. *Andrew*, in the County of *Brunſwick*, praying the Veſtry of that Pariſh may be diſſolved, and another elected, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Lunenburg*, praying, that they may he allowed to diſcharge their public Dues, in the Manner provided for the Frontier Counties, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Churchwardens and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Meherrin*, in the County of *Brunſwick*, praying the Pariſh of St. *Andrew*, may be obliged to pay the ſaid Pariſh of *Meherrin*, a proportionable Part of the Value of the *Glebe* Land and Houſes, in the ſaid Pariſh of St. *Andrew*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Fairfax*, praying the ſaid County may be divided into two diſtinct Counties, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Brunſwick*, praying, that Pickers of Tobacco may be put under a Regulation, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petitions from the Counties of *Albemarle* and *Orange*, praying, that an additional Allowance to the Reward for killing Wolves, be rejected.

Reſolved, That a Petition of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lunenburg* and *Brunſwick*, praying, a Diviſion thereof, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Lunenburg*, in oppoſition to the ſaid Petition, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition from the County of *Nanſemond*, for prohibiting Inſpectors of Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine, from buying any ſuch Commodity, for themſelves or any other Perſon while they continue Inſpectors, is reaſonable.

Resolved,

Reſolved, That the Petition of *William Harding* and *John Meath*, Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Coan* Warehouſe, praying, their Salaries may be raiſed, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Sum of five Pounds *per* Annum, to each of the ſaid Inſpectors is a reaſonable Addition to their Salaries.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *William Byrd* Eſquire, praying, That ſuch Perſons as bring their Tobacco and other Goods to the Petitioner's Land at *Weſtham*, and do not carry them away the ſame Day, may be obliged to pay Storage, or that he may not be obliged to keep a public Storehouſe there.

46 *Reſolved*, That every Perſon, bringing Tobacco or other Goods to the Petitioner's ſaid Land, who ſuffers the ſame to continue there twenty four Hours, ought to pay him Storage, for ſuch Tobacco, or other Goods.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee to whom it is referred, to bring in a Bill, *For putting the Pickers of Tobacco under ſome Regulations*, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſixth, eleventh, and twelfth Reſolutions,

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, do prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills purſuant to the other Reſolutions.

A Meſſage from the Council by M^r *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill intituled, *An Act for reviving an Act, intituled, An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Alexandria.

A Petition of *Robert Bell*, ſetting forth, That he had ſerved his Majeſty as a Soldier, in the late Engagement with the *French*, at the *Great-Meadows*, where he had received ſeveral Bruiſes, which had rendered him incapable of getting a Livelihood; and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Claim of *Samuel Smith*, for two Hogſheads of Tobacco, drowned in the Warehouſes at the *Great-Bridge*, in *December*, 1750.

Alſo a Petition of *Philip-Edwards Jones*, ſetting forth, that at a former Seſſion of Aſſembly, 180 *lb.* of Tobacco were levied on the Petitioner, and by him paid to the Sheriff of *Gloſter*, for a Runaway Slave, belonging to one *James Garnet*, taken up by one *John Evat*, upon a falſe Information given by the ſaid Slave, that he belonged to the Petitioner, and praying that he may be repaid the ſaid Tobacco, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim and Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Bill, *For diſſolving the Veſtry of the upper Pariſh, in the County of* Nanſemond, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to M^r *Riddick* and M^r *Holliday*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Tomorrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Thurſday, May 22d, 1755.

MR. *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill *For prohibiting the Inſpectors of Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine, from purchaſing ſuch Commodities.*

Alſo a Bill *For diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of St.* Andrew *in the County of* Brunſwick, *and electing a new Veſtry in the ſaid Pariſh.*

Alſo a Bill *For dividing the County of* Fairfax, and the ſame were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

47 The Order of the Day being read, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe the Sum of 6000 £. agreeable to the Reſolution of the

the Houſe, made on *Thurſday* laſt; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows;

Reſolved, That the Sum of 6000 £. to be raiſed for the Protection of our Frontiers, againſt the Encroachments of the *French*, be raiſed by Way of Lottery.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Power*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Randolph*, and Mr *Carter Burwell*.

The Order of the Day being read, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *To amend an Act, intituled, An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Reſolve, for allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, the Sum of 300 £. *per* Annum, from the End of this preſent Seſſion to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes, and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

Ordered, That Mr *Francis Smith*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Thurſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten a-Clock.

Friday, May 23d, 1755.

MR. *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows;

Reſolved, That the Petition from the County of *New-Kent*, praying that the Number of Tobacco Plants, that may be tended by each Tithable, may be reſtrained and limitted, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *George Stovall*, and *John Harvie*, praying that a Ferry 48
may be eſtabliſhed from the Land of *George Stovall*, the younger, in *Albemarle* County, over the *Fluvanna*, to the Land of *George Stovall*, in *Bedford* County, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee apppointed to prepare and bring in a Bill *For eſtabliſhing ſeveral new Ferries*, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution.

A written Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*;

"*Mr Speaker*,

"The Governor in Council has ordered the following Copy of a Paragraph of General "*Braddock*'s Letter to his Honor, to be laid before your Houſe; as the Requeſt therein "will be attended with very great Expence, his Honor recommends it to your Conſidera- "tion for a more frugal Method of complying therewith, and deſires you will immediately "enter upon it, that he may be enabled to return an Anſwer by Colonel *Waſhington*.

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Fort-Cumberland, May 15, 1755.

SIR,

I defire you will immediately order fome of the neareſt Militia to garriſon this Place, as I ſhall take with me all the effective Men.

And alſo give your Orders to the ſeveral County Lieutenants, to hold their Militia in Readineſs to bring me a Convoy, if I ſhall find their Aſſiſtance neceſſary, by the End of July.

E. Braddock.

And the ſame was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid written Meſſage be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe.

The Houſe immediately reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the ſaid written Meſſage, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Meſſage under their Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor to repreſent to him, That the ordering the Militia to garriſon *Fort Cumberland*, is contrary to the Laws of this Colony, as that Fort is in the Province of *Maryland*, and that as the ſeveral Sums already given, and the Sum now voted by this Houſe for the Defence of our Frontiers, is as much as the People of this Colony, in their preſent unhappy Circumſtances are able to pay; we hope his Honor will not add to the heavy Burthen they already labor under, in paying the Taxes already levied on them for that Purpoſe, by raiſing the Militia at this Time, which we conceive will tend to the utter Ruin of this Colony, and render us incapable of ever hereafter giving any Aſſiſtance to repel his Majeſty's Enemies and Invaders of his Dominions, and to deſire his Honor to iſſue his Orders to the proper Officers, to ſee that their Militia are trained, armed, and exerciſed according to the Directions of
49 the Act *For the better Regulation of the Militia*; and that Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Martin*, do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr *Riddick*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For diſſolving the Veſtry of the upper Pariſh in the County of* Nanſemond, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made an Amendment thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendment be ingroſſed.

Mr *Charles Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For regulating the Pickers of Tobacco, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

Mr *Lomax* from the Committee of Trade, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Memorial of *James Thweat* and *John Dabney*, Inſpectors at *Bolling*'s Point Warehouſe to them recommitted, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt at the ſaid Warehouſe, ought to be allowed by the public, for the ſaid Tobacco, at the Rates following, *viz.*

For 723 Hogſheads paſſed this preſent Year	15 *ſ.*	*per Cent.*
50 paſſed in 1754	14 *ſ.*	
6 1753 and 1752	12 *ſ.* 6 *d.*	
3 1751 and 1748	8 *ſ.* 4 *d.*	

And for the Tobacco which had been refuſed, but not picked at the Rate of 12 *ſ.* 6 *d. per Cent*, allowing 500 for each Hogſhead. And for the Tobacco uninſpected 14*ſ. per Cent.* allowing 1000 Nett, for each Hogſhead. And that the 16389 *lb.* Tobacco ſaved out of the burnt Tobacco ought to be applied to the Diſcharge of 16092 *lb.* due from the Inſpectors upon outſtanding transfer Notes.

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to the Committee of Trade, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Bill, *For employing and better maintaining the Poor*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Dewey*, and Mr *Bland*.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill *To amend an Act, intituled, an Act for declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr *Edmunds*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Thurſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Saturday, May 24th, 1755.

MR. *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom the Bill, *For enabling the Inhabitants of the County of* Princeſs-Anne, *to pay their public Dues in Money*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the upper Pariſh in the County of* Nanſemond, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick*, do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Carter Burwell*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For reviving the Act, intituled, an Act for preſerving the Breed of Sheep*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, as amended, be ingroſſed.

A Bill, *For continuing ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſippi, *as relates to the raiſing, impoſing, collecting and paying the Duties therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, on *Tueſday* next.

A written Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"I received your Addreſs in Anſwer to my Meſſage ſent you Yeſterday. The Fort "*Cumberland*, was built for the Protection of our Frontiers; it is of no Conſequence whether it is in *Virginia* or *Maryland*; it is the King's Fort, and the Guns mounted there, are thoſe ſent by his Majeſty for ſuch Uſes.

I ſhall be ſorry and unwilling to load the Colony with great and additional Expences, by raiſing the Militia; but Gentlemen, pray conſider, when the General marches his Forces from that Fort, over the *Alleghany* Mountains, how inconſiſtent will it be, to leave that Fort without any Forces to defend it. Pleaſe to reconſider the Paragraph of the General's Letter ſent you Yeſterday, and then give me your Advice and Aſſiſtance to ſend ſome Men there to defend it againſt any Surprize, and that in the moſt frugal Manner, which is what I always have in my thoughts:" and the ſame was read.

Ordered,

51 *Ordered*, That the Conſideration of the ſaid written Meſſage be put off till *Monday* next.

The Order of the Day being read.

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Bill, *To amend an Act, intituled, An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments as amended, be ingroſſed.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Petitions of diſabled and diſcharged Soldiers, which have been at ſeveral Times preſented to this Houſe, and ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to Mr *Waller*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Power*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Martin*, and Mr *Ruffin*, that they examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinions thereupon to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Whiting* and Mr *Willoughby* be added to the Committee of Trade.

A Bill, *For diſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of St.* Andrew *in the County of* Brunſwick, *and electing a new Veſtry in the ſaid Pariſh*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

A Bill, *For dividing the County of* Fairfax, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Bill, *For prohibiting Inſpectors of Tar, Pitch and Turpentine, from purchaſing ſuch Commodities*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

And the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Monday, May 26th, 1755.

MR. *Riddick*, preſented to the Houſe, a Commiſſion from *Thomas Lee*, Eſq; late Preſident of his Majeſty's Council, under the Seal of the Colony, bearing Date the 25th Day of *October*, in the 23d Year of his Majeſty's Reign, to *John Milner*, and others directed; and alſo a Commiſſion from his Honor the Governor, under the Seal of the Colony, bearing Date the 9th Day of *February* 1754, and in the 27th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, to *William Baker*, and others, directed, appointing them Commiſſioners for examining and taking the Depoſitions of all ſuch Witneſſes as ſhould be produced to them, at the Inſtance of any Perſon whatſoever, in Relation
52 to all Deeds, Wills, Inventories, and other Writings recorded in the Court of the County of *Nanſemond*, where the Original has been loſt, in Purſuance of an Act of Aſſembly, made in the 15th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of thoſe Perſons who were Sufferers in the Loſs of the Records of the County of* Nanſemond; whoſe Caſes have not already been provided for: and alſo the Return of the ſaid Commiſſioners with the Depoſitions of ſeveral Witneſſes by them taken, in Purſuance of the ſaid Commiſſion thereto annexed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Commiſſion and Return be referred to Mr *Riddick* and Mr *Holloday*, that they examine into the Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A Bill, *For regulating the Pickers of Tobacco, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take the ſaid Bill into their Conſideration, To-morrow.

Mr *Charles Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For raiſing the Sum of Six Thouſand Pounds, by a Lottery, for the further Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Ruffin*, from the Committee of public Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment, and are as follow,

On Conſideration of the Petition of *John Brummel*, ſetting forth, That a Negroe Man Slave belonging to him, was, by a Court of *Oyer and Terminer*, held in the County of *Cheſterfield*, convicted of a Rape, ſentenced to be hanged, and valued at 60 £. current Money; that before the Day appointed for his Execution, he broke out of Goal, and had not been ſince retaken, and praying an Allowance for him.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected, the ſaid Negroe being retaken and pardoned.

Reſolved, That *Robert Blaws* ought to be paid for 2234 *lb.* of Tobacco, damaged and loſt at the Great Bridge Warehouſe, in the County of *Norfolk*, at the Rate of 16 *ſ. per* Hundred, by the Public.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *John Moore*, Proprietor of *Gibſon*'s Warehouſe in *King George* County, praying to be allowed the Sum of 5 £. which he had expended in repairing a Wharf at that Warehouſe, the Rents thereof not being ſufficient to reimburſe him.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected, the Rents of the ſaid Warehouſe being ſufficient.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *James MacDewell*, ſetting forth, That *Matt*, a Negroe Man Slave belonging to the Petitioner, having committed ſundry Felonies, in order to ſcreen himſelf from a Proſecution for the ſame, ran away, upon which the Petitioner procured an Outlawry againſt him in due Form of Law, but before he could be apprehended he was found dead in the Woods, and praying that he may be allowed for the ſaid 53
Slave.

Reſolved, That it appears to this Committee, that the ſaid Negroe ran away and committed a Felony and Burglary, by breaking open a Houſe, and ſtealing an Ax and Caſe Knife, which were found on him when he was taken and carried before a Juſtice of the Peace, who ordered him to be whipped and conveyed to his Maſter; that he ran away ſoon afterwards, and was outlawed, and about 10 Months after his Outlawry, a Perſon's Bones were found in the Woods, and the Cloaths found with them, appeared to be the ſame the ſaid Negroe had on when he ran away.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *John Evans* and *James Jameſon*, Inſpectors at *Roy*'s Warehouſe, in the County of *Caroline*, ſetting forth, That this Houſe did, at the Seſſion held in *November* 1753, allow the Petitioners the Sum of 5 £. *per Annum* each, as an additional Salary from a former Seſſion, in Conſideration of the great Increaſe of their Trouble, which ſtill continues the ſame it then was, and praying a Continuance of the ſame additional Allowance to this Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected, their Salary eſtabliſhed by Law being ſufficient.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *John Anderſon*, ſetting forth, That he was ſummoned and attended as a *Venire*-Man on the trial of *John Young* in the Year 1749, for which, through ſome Miſtake, he never had any Allowance, and praying the Allowance by Law in ſuch Caſes appointed.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected, the ſaid *Anderſon* not having proved his Attendance, or entered the ſame in the Secretary's Office, and two public Levies having been laid ſince.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Stephen Watkins*, ſetting forth, That ſome Time in the Month of *January* 1754, being walked out from Home, in his Abſence, he had the Misfortune to have one of his Children, and a Negroe Man Slave, murdered by another Negroe Man Slave belonging to the Petitoner, That immediately on being informed thereof, and that the Murderer was run off, he procured ſeveral Perſons to go armed in Purſuit of him, in Order to take and bring him to Juſtice, but before they could come up with him, he hanged himſelf, as the Petitioner believes to eſcape the Puniſhment of the Law, and praying to be allowed for the ſaid Slave, who did the Murder aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that the ſaid *Stephen Watkins* ought to be paid the Sum of 40 £. for his ſaid Slave by the Public.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Philip-Edwards Jones*, ſetting forth, That at a former Seſſion of this Aſſembly, 180 *lb.* Nett Tobacco was levied on him, which he paid to the Sheriff of *Glouceſter*, for one *John Evatt* of *Eſſex* taking up a Runaway Negroe Man Slave, named *Sam*, ſaid to belong to the Petitioner, but really belonging to *James Garnett*, of the ſaid County of *Eſſex*.

54 *Reſolved*, That the ſaid Petition be rejected, it appearing that the ſaid Slave was in the Poſeſſion of the Petitioner at the Time he ran away, and was taken as above mentioned.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *William Chandler*, ſetting forth, That in *March*, 1754, being informed one *John Dortor* had committed a Felony, by ſtealing the cloaths of *John Coleman* at *Weſt*-Point, and was endeavoring to eſcape, when the Petitioner met with, and took him up, and carried him to Colonel *Bernard Moore*'s, who was not at Home; That the Petitioner waited with the ſaid *Dortor*, for the Return of the ſaid *Moore*, but as ſoon as he appeared, the ſaid *Dortor* ran off; That the Petitioner purſued him, and in retaking him he cut and ſtabbed the Petitioner ſo that he muſt ſoon have expired, had he not been ſpeedily relieved; That he underwent much pain on Account of his Wounds, and was at great Expence to Doctors, and in hiring Perſons to plant his corn; That the ſaid *Dortor* was tried and burnt in the Hand, and ordered to give Security for his good Behaviour at the Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer* in *June* laſt, for the ſaid Facts, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe in the Premiſſes.

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that the Sum of Ten Pounds will be a reaſonable Recompence to the ſaid *William Chandler*.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Thomas Penman*, ſetting forth, That this Houſe did, at a former Seſſion, alter the Method of paying the Petitioner's Salary, and increaſe his Allowance for the Maintenance of Criminals from that Time, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, and praying that the ſame Method of paying his Salary, and the Increaſe of his Allowance for maintaining Criminals, may be continued.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *James Graham* and *John Thompſon*, ſetting forth, That in the Month of *July* laſt, *Will*, a Negroe Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioners, ran away from the Poſſeſſion of *Duncan Graham* of *Caroline*, and joined himſelf with three other outlying Slaves in the County of *Prince William*, and together with them, broke open a Store, and ſtole thereout ſundry Goods, to the Value of 30 £. whereupon a Warrant iſſued to an Officer to raiſe the Power of the County for apprehending the ſaid Slaves, and bringing them to Juſtice; That the ſaid four Slaves were accordingly taken, and, after Examination before a Juſtice of the Peace, committed to Goal, and a Commiſſion of *Oyer* and *Terminer* obtained for their Trial for the Felony aforeſaid, but before their Trial the ſaid *Will* died in Goal of a Wound he received, being ſhot in his Apprehenſion; that the three other Slaves broke Goal, but one of them being retaken was condemned and executed for the Felony aforeſaid; and praying to be paid for the ſaid Slave, in the ſame Manner as if he had been executed.

Reſolved.

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that the ſaid *James Graham* and *John Thompſon*, ought to be paid the Sum of 40 £. for their ſaid Slave by the Public.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Alice Catlet*, ſetting forth, That ſome Time laſt Year *Ned*, a Negroe belonging to the Petitioner, was, by a Court of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, held in the County of *Culpeper*, convicted of a Felony, and burnt in the Hand for the ſame; That ſome Perſons appearing in Court, and on Oath declaring they apprehended ſome Miſchief from the ſaid *Ned*, in Caſe he was diſcharged, the ſaid Court committed him to Goal, there to remain a Year, unleſs he could find Security for the Peace, and ſoon after the ſaid Slave died in Goal, and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe, and to be paid the Value of the ſaid Slave. 55

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make the ſeveral Allowances in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the ſecond, eighth, tenth, and eleventh Reſolutions.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the upper Pariſh, in the County of* Nanſemond.

A Member returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy; and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Fairfax, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Weſt* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for prohibiting the Inſpectors of Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine, from purchaſing ſuch Commodities*; was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Lomax*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration the written Meſſage from the Governor of *Saturday* laſt; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid written Meſſage under their Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows;

Reſolved, That the Governor be impowered to draught out Part of the neighbouring Militia of this Colony, not exceeding fifty Men, to garriſon *Fort Cumberland*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr Attorney, and Mr *Martin*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Tueſday, May 27th, 1755. 56

A BILL, *To oblige Perſons who bring Tobacco and other Goods to* Weſtham, *to pay Storage for the ſame*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Waller* from the Committee appointed to examine into the Petitions of the diſabled and diſcharged Soldiers, to them referred, reported, that the Committee had

had examined into the Allegations of the ſaid Petitions, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follow;

On Examination of *John Hamilton*, late Serjeant-Major, it appeared that he was ſhot thro' the right Wriſt, left Arm, and left Thigh, and is now unable to follow his Trade, and that he was diſcharged the 22d Day of *March* laſt.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *John Hamilton* ought to be allowed the Sum of Twenty Pounds, as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received, and in full of his Pay.

On Examination of *Robert Bell*, it appeared that he had received ſeveral Bruiſes, and was diſcharged as uncapable of Service, the 24th Day of *January* laſt.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Robert Bell* ought to be allowed the Sum of Fifty Shillings, as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received, and in full of his Pay.

On Examination of *Michael MacCannon*, it appeared he was much wounded in the right Shoulder, Arm and Knee, and was diſcharged the 7th Day of *April* laſt.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Michael MacCannon* ought to be allowed the Sum of Ten Pounds, as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received, and in full of his Pay.

On Examination of *Michael MacGraff*, it appeared that he was ſhot thro' the Cheek, and into the right Shoulder, where the Shot now remains, and was diſcharged the 12th Day of *March* laſt.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Michael MacGraff* ought to be allowed the Sum of Ten Pounds as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received, and in full of his Pay.

On Examination of *John Ogleby*, he appeared to be lame and unfit for Service, and was diſcharged for that Reaſon the 28th Day of *January* laſt.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *John Ogleby* ought to be allowed the Sum of Five Pounds, as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received, and in full of his Pay.

On Examination of *Matthew Doran* it appeared, he was ſhot thro, both his Thighs, and was diſcharged the 22d Day of *February* laſt.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Matthew Doran*, ought to be allowed the Sum of Seven Pounds, Ten Shillings, as a Recompence for the Damage he hath ſuſtained, and in full of his Pay.

On Examination of *James Haiter* it appeared he was ſhot into the right Shoulder,
57 and much hurt in the left Teſticle.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *James Haiter* ought to be allowed the Sum of Fifteen Pounds, as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received, and in full of his Pay.

On Examination of *Argall Houſe*, it appeared his right Leg was ſhot off, and that he was diſcharged the 21ſt Day of *November* 1754.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Argall Houſe* ought to be allowed the Sum of Five Pounds, and alſo Five Pounds *per Annum*, during his Life, as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received, and in full of his Pay.

On Examination of *John Potter*, it appeared he was ſhot through the left Heel, and that his Jaw-Bone was broke by a Tomahawk, and was diſcharged the 15th Day of *November* 1754.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *John Potter* ought to be allowed the Sum of Five Pounds, as alſo Five Pounds *per Annum*, during his Life, as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received, and in full of his Pay.

On Examination of *James Good*, late Corporal, it appeared that he was ſhot thro' the right Thigh, and left Arm, and was diſcharged the 25th Day of *February* laſt.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *James Good*, ought to be allowed the Sum of Ten Pounds, as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received, and in full of his Pay.

On Examination of *Richard Richbell*, late Serjeant, it appeared that he was diſcharged the 12th Day of *March* laſt by Reaſon of Old-Age.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Richard Richbell*, ought to be allowed the Sum of Five Pounds Ten Shillings, as a Recompence for his Services, and in full of his Pay.

On Examination of *David Gorman*, *William Lanſdown*, *Thomas Anderſon*, *Joſeph Gillam*, and *Tudor Davis*, they not appearing to have any Wounds.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the ſaid *David Gorman*, *William Lanſdown*, *Thomas Anderſon*, *Joſeph Gillam*, and *Tudor Davis*, ought to be allowed their Pay only.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed by the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds, for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, to make the ſeveral Allowances purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

Mr *Riddick* from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Report of the Commiſſioners appointed, purſuant to an Act of Aſſembly, made in the 15th Year of his Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of thoſe Perſons who were Sufferers in the Loſs of the Records of the County of* Nanſemond, reported, that the Committee had examined into the Return of the ſaid Commiſſioners, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That the Depoſitions taken and returned by the ſaid Commiſſioners, are 53
ſufficient Proof to eſtabliſh the Titles of the Lands therein mentioned, and that the Sufferers ought to be relieved.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr *Riddick* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Riddick*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For employing and better maintaining the Poor*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made an Amendment thereto, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendment in at the Table, where the Amendment was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendment be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of St.* Andrew, *and electing a new Veſtry in the ſaid Pariſh*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Briggs* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for enabling the Inhabitants of the Counties of* Princeſs-Anne *and* Norfolk, *to pay their public Dues in Money*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for reviving the Act, intituled, an Act for preſerving the Breed of Sheep*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Bill, *For regulating the Pickers of Tobacco, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That the ſeveral Petitions of the Inſpectors at ſundry Warehouſes, which have been preſented to this Houſe, and ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved,

59 *Reſolved*, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration, the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Bill, *For continuing ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſſippi, *as relates to the raiſing, and impoſing, collecting and paying the Duties therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take the ſaid Bill into their Conſideration, To-morrow.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered, That *Henry Simmons*, Sheriff of *Brunſwick*, be taken into Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, for his undue Behaviour in the Election of a Veſtry for the Pariſh of St. *Andrew*, in the County of *Brunſwick*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Wedneſday, May 28th, 1755.

THE Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Bill *For regulating the Pickers of Tobacco, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration, the Bill, *For continuing ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſſippi, *as relates to the raiſing and impoſing, collecting and paying the Duties therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

And the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Thurſday, May 24th,[1] 1755.

UPON a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Houſe be adjourned till To-morrow Morning 10 o-Clock.

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Friday, May 30th, 1755.

A LETTER from the Speaker to the House, was this Day presented by the Clerk and read, ſetting forth the Indiſpoſition of his Family, which rendered it impoſſible for him to attend.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Houſe be adjourned till *Monday* Morning next, at Ten o'Clock.

Monday,

1. So in the original. Should be 29th.

Monday, June 2d, 1755.

A Written Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*;

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

As I underſtand that a Receſs at this Time will be agreeable on Conſideration of the Misfortune the Speaker's Family labors under, which renders it highly inconvenient for him to attend, ſo that at preſent you cannot proceed on the Buſineſs of the Country: I have thought fit, by the Advice of the Council, to order both Houſes, ſeverally to adjourn themſelves to Tueſday *the 24th Day of this Month, at which Time I require all their Members to reaſſemble at this Place.*

Ordered, That the Houſe be adjourned till *Thurſday*[1] the 24th Inſtant.

Tueſday, June 24th, 1755.

AN ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for employing and better maintaining the Poor*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Waller* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for enabling the Inhabitants of the Counties of* Princeſs-Anne *and* Norfolk, *to pay their public Dues in Money.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for prohibiting the Inſpectors of Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine, from purchaſing ſuch Commodities*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of St.* Andrew, *in the County of* Brunſwick, *and electing a new Veſtry in the ſaid Pariſh.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for reviving the Act, intituled, an Act for preſerving* 61
the Breed of Sheep, without any Amendments.

And that a Memorial of Captain *John Morke*, directed to the Governor and Council, had been read in Council, and was by them referred to the Conſideration of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for enabling the Inhabitants of the Counties of* Princeſs-Anne *and* Norfolk, *to pay their public Dues in Money*, and the ſame was read and diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendment by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and deſire they will paſs the ſame without the Amendment.

The Houſe alſo proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendment propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for prohibiting the Inſpectors of Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine, from purchaſing ſuch Commodities*; and the ſame was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Lomax* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendment by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe alſo took into their Conſideration the Memorial of Captain *John Morke*, by the Council referred to the Conſideration of this Houſe, and the ſame was read, ſetting forth, That the Memorialiſt having, from his Infancy uſed the Seas in the *Britiſh* Employ, and ſailed to the moſt diſtant Parts of the known World, has made it his Study and particular Care, to make ſuch Obſervations, and attain the Knowledge of ſuch useful Inventions, as he apprehends may be of Service to the *Britiſh* Nation; and in particular he has diſcovered a Method to make Ship-Timber much more durable and laſting than it has hitherto been, and which will preſerve it found, and free from Rottenneſs and Decay at leaſt three times as long as thoſe built in the common Way: And that out of his great Regard

[1]. So in the original, should be *Tueſday*.

Regard to the Britiſh Nation in General, and to this Colony in particular, is induced to diſcover this valuable Secret, and praying that a Committee of experienced Perſons may be appointed to examine into his Diſcovery, and make a Report thereof, for which he deſires no other Reward than what this Houſe ſhall think proper to beſtow on him. That the Memorialiſt by his Acquaintance with the *Northern* Colonies having found that moſt of the Materials for naval Stores, and ſeveral other valuable Commodities may be produced and brought to Perfection in moſt Parts of the Colonies, did lately, whilſt in England, make it his Buſineſs to find out and engage ſeveral honeſt and experienced Perſons, perfect Maſters in their ſeveral Arts, upon proper Encouragement, to come over and inſtruct the People of theſe Colonies in making Tar better, and curing of Hemp to a greater Perfection than has hitherto been done in theſe Colonies; and alſo to make Pot-Aſh, Iron, Steel, *&c.* But as his Circumſtances will not admit him to bring over the ſeveral Artiſts at his own Expence, he prays the Houſe will promote the ſaid Improvements, by granting
12 a proper Encouragement to the Artiſts to come over and inſtruct the People of theſe Colonies, if they ſhall think proper; but if this ſhould be unſuitable to the Circumſtances of this Colony, at this Time, he hopes that this Houſe will not therefore deſpiſe his ſincere Intentions of being ſerviceable, but will enable him to return to his Family with ſome Comfort. And the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Memorial be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Memorial be rejected.

M^r *Riddick*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For the Relief of thoſe Perſons who were Sufferers in the Loſs of the Records of the County of* Nanſemond, *whoſe Caſes have not already been provided for*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, *To oblige Perſons who bring Tobacco and other Goods to* Weſtham, *to pay Storage for the ſame*; was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

M^r Attorney preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *To confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* William Withers *and* Samuel Waſhington, *for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read the ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by M^r *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Amendments do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Henry Simmons*, Sheriff of *Brunſwick*, ſetting forth, That he is heartily ſorry for having fallen under the Diſpleaſure of this Houſe, in Regard to the Election of the Veſtry of St. *Andrew*'s Pariſh, in the ſaid County, in which, if any Thing illegal was done, it was by the Petitioner's Under-Sheriffs, and without his Knowledge; and ſubmitting himſelf to this Houſe, and praying to be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Henry Simmons*, be diſcharged out of the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, paying Fees.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, *For regulating the Pickers of Tobacco, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being alſo read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Bill, *For continuing ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſſippi, *as relates to the raiſing, and impoſing, collecting and paying the Duties therein mentioned.*

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of Six Thouſand Pounds, by a Lottery, for the further Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, was 63
read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Thurſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Wedneſday, June 25th, 1755.

MR. *Charles Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *To impower the Governor to draught out Part of the Militia of this Colony to garriſon Fort* Cumberland, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, *To confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* William Withers *and* Samuel Waſhington, *for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr Attorney, Mr *Hedgman*, Mr *Buſhrode*, and the Members for *King-George* County.

A Bill, *For the Relief of thoſe Perſons who were Sufferers in the Loſs of the Records of the County of* Nanſemond, *whoſe Caſes have not already been provided for*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

Mr *Charles Carter* from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to oblige Perſons who bring Tobacco and other Goods to* Weſtham, *to pay Storage for the ſame*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; which were Yeſterday ordered to lie on the Table; and the ſame being read, one of them was agreed to by the Houſe, and the other diſagreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to one of the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and diſagreed to the other; and deſire they will paſs the Bill with the Amendment as agreed to by the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, *For regulating Pickers of Tobacco, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; and 64
after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A written Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr Speaker,

"In Conſequence of a Letter from his Excellency General *Braddock*, of the 22d of "*May*, (a Copy of which is laid before your Houſe) I have ſent up to *Alexandria* Ten Pieces "of

"of Cannon, with their Appurtenances, and muſt deſire you to enable me to furniſh a "Proportion of Proviſion and other Neceſſaries required."

And the ſaid written Meſſage, and the Letter therein mentioned, were read.

Ordered, That the ſaid written Meſſage, and Letter be referred to the Conſideration of a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid written Meſſage and Letter, To-morrow.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the inrolled Bills, of the following Perſons, *to wit*, M^r^ *Bland*, M^r^ *Pendleton*, M^r^ *Power*, and M^r^ *Johnſon*.

M^r^ *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed, had according to Order, examined ſuch inrolled Bills as were ready for the Governor's Aſſent, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly inrolled.

Ordered, That M^r^ *Bland* do carry the inrolled Bills to the Council, for their Inſpection.

A Meſſage from the Council by M^r^ *Walthoe*;

That they have inſpected the inrolled Bills, and are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled.

A Meſſage from the Governor by M^r^ *Walthoe*;

M^r^ Speaker,

"The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council-Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

M^r^ Speaker with the Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills.

1. *An Act for diſſolving the preſent Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Cople, *and electing a new Veſtry in the ſaid Pariſh.*
2. *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the upper Pariſh, in the County of* Nanſemond.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration, the Bill, *For continuing ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſſippi, *as relates to the raiſing and impoſing, collecting and paying the Duties therein mentioned*; and after ſome Time ſpent
65 therein, M^r^ Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r^ *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and had made an Amendment thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendment be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims, of £. 5 *per Annum*, to each of the Inſpectors at *Oſborne*'s Warehouſe, for the laſt and this preſent Year.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Thurſday, June 26th, 1755.

UPON a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *To impower the Secretary of this Colony, to fell certain Lands therein mentioned*, and it is referred to M^r^ *Waller* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Council by M^r^ *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to oblige Perſons who bring Tobacco and other Goods to* Weſtham, *to pay Storage for the ſame.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for employing and better maintaining the Poor*, without any Amendments.

And

And that they have receded from their Amendment diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

And that they inſiſt on their Amendment to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for enabling the Inhabitants of the Counties of* Princeſs-Anne *and* Norfolk, *to pay their public Dues in Money*, which was diſagreed to by this Houſe, and deſire this Houſe will paſs the Bill with the ſaid Amendment.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendment inſiſted on by the Council to the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth recede from their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr *Lomax*, from the Committee of Trade, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine and ſtate the Accounts of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling*'s-Point Warehouſe in the County of* Dinwiddie, *and for Relief of the Proprietors of the ſaid Tobacco*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of thoſe Perſons who were Sufferers in the Loſs of the Records of the County of* Nanſemond, *whoſe Caſes have not already been provided for*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs. 66

Ordered, That Mr *Riddick*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſſippi, *as relates to the raiſing, and impoſing, collecting and paying the Duties therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Lomax* from the Committee of Trade, reported That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, ſeveral Matters relating to the Trade of this Colony, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That an additional Duty ought to be laid on all Rum, and other diſtilled Spirits, imported into this Colony, not being of the Produce of his Majeſty's *Britiſh* Sugar Iſlands and imported from thence directly.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to the Committee of Trade, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make Allowances in the Book of Claims, of £. 5 *per Annum*, to each of the Inſpectors at *Warwick*, *Frederickſburg*, *Page*'s and *Crutchfield*'s Warehouſes, and £. 10 *per Annum*, to each of the Inſpectors at *Bolling*'s-Point Warehouſe, for the laſt and this preſent Year.

A Bill *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Johnſon*, Mr *Lomax*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Ruffin* and Mr *Eyre*.

A Bill, *To impower the Governor to draught out Part of the Militia of this Colony to garriſon Fort* Cumberland, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill Tomorrow.

The Order of the Day being read.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration, the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of Six Thouſand Pounds, by a Lottery, for the further Protection of his Majeſty's*

Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the French, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being alſo read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee
67 to take into their Conſideration the written Meſſage from the Governor, and the Letter therein mentioned, Yeſterday delivered to the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid written Meſſage and Letter, To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, *For regulating Pickers of Tobacco, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Friday, June 27th, 1755.

MR. *Waller* preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill *To impower the Secretary of this Colony to ſell certain Lands therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For erecting the County of* Prince Edward, *into a diſtinct Pariſh, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

A Bill, *For appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine and ſtate the Accounts of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling's Point *Warehouſe, in the County of* Dinwiddie, *and for Relief of the Proprietors of the ſaid Tobacco*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *To explain the Act intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Bland to* prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of Six Thouſand Pounds by a Lottery, for the further Protec-*
68 *tion of his Majeſty's Subjects, againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report, and he read the ſame

ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be ingroſſed, and a read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill, *For regulating Pickers of Tobacco*; *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, be ingroſſed and read a Time.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Bill, *To impower the Governor to draft out Part of the Militia, of this Colnoy, to garriſon Fort* Cumberland.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-Morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the written Meſſage from the Governor, and the Letter therein mentioned, delivered on *Wedneſday* laſt.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid written Meſſage and Letter To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Saturday, June 28th, 1755.

UPON a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtructon to the Committee appointed by an Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, to allow the Sum of £. 6 to *Joſeph Powell* late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, who behaved himſelf well during the Time of his Service, but being rendered unfit for Service in the late Engagement at the Great Meadows, was diſcharged from the ſaid Regiment.

Alſo the like Sum of £. 6 to *Peter Brown* who had inliſted himſelf a Volunteer to ſerve 60
his Majeſty in the preſent Expedition, but unfortunately had both his legs broken by a Tree which was blown down on a Boat in which the ſaid *Brown* was preparing to embark with other Soldiers, for *Frederickſburg*, which had rendered him utterly incapable of getting a Livelihood.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſſippi, *as relates to the raiſing and impoſing, collecting and paying the Duties therein mentioned.*

Alſo to a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of thoſe Perſons who were Sufferers in the Loſs of the Records of the County of* Nanſemond, *whoſe Caſes have not already been provided for*, without any Amendments.

Mr Attorney from the Commmittee to whom the Bill *To confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* William Withers *and* Samuel Waſhington, *for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was committed

mitted reported, That the Committee had examined into the Allegations of the ſaid Bill, and found them to be true, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Mr *Pendleton*, according to Order preſented to the Houſe, a Bill *To explain an Act, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *To pay the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and it is referred to Mr *Bland* and Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Ruffin* from the Committee of public Claims, reported, That the Committee had examined and conſidered all the Public Claims which had been laid before them this Seſſion, and agreed upon a Report which he had entered in a Book, and he delivered the Book in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending the Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up; and upon a Motion made, an ingroſſed Clauſe was added as a Rider thereto.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That Mr *Alexander* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting the County of* Prince Edward, *into a diſtinct Pariſh, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Ruffin* from the Committee of Public Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow,

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Vendal Brown*, praying to be allowed a Satisfaction for the Loſſes he ſuſtained by the Incurſions of the *French*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That *Samuel Smith* ought to be paid for 1753 Pounds of Tobacco damaged and loſt in the *Great-Bridge* Warehouſe, in the County of *Norfolk*, at the Rate of 16 *ſ. per* Hundred, by the Public.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Owen Gwathney*, and *Henry Guthry* Inſpectors at *Aylet*'s Warehouſe in *King-William* County, praying that an additional Salary of £. 5 *per Annum*, each, allowed them at the Seſſion of Aſſembly in *November* 1753, on Conſideration of the great Increaſe of their Buſineſs, which ſtill continues the ſame it then was, may be continued to this Time, be rejected, it appearing that the Buſineſs of the ſaid Warehouſe hath decreaſed ſince the ſaid additional Salary was allowed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims purſuant to the ſecond Reſolution.

A Bill, *To impower the Secretary of this Colony, to ſell certain Lands therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Waller*, Mr *Power*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Travis*, and to the Members for *Northampton*.

The Order of the Day being read.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Bill, *To impower the Governor to draft out Part of the Militia of this Colony, to garriſon Fort* Cumberland,

berland, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, but had made no Amendments thereto, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

Upon a Motion made,

The Bill *To explain an Act, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

And then the Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again. 71

Reſolved, That his Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Bill *For appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine and ſtate the Accounts of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling*'s-Point Warehouſe in the County of* Dinwiddie, *and Relief of the Proprietors of the ſaid Tobacco.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the written Meſſage from the Governor, and the Letter therein mentioned, delivered on *Wedneſday* laſt.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Written Meſſage and Letter on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Ten o-Clock.

Monday, June 30th, 1755.

THE Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Book of Claims, and Part thereof was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Book be put off till To-morrow.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting the County of* Prince-Edward, *into a diſtinct Pariſh, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, with ſome Amendments.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the further amending the Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms*, with ſome Amendments to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the ſaid laſt mentioned Bill, and the ſame being read were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe alſo proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting the County of* Prince Edward *into a diſtinct Pariſh, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame being read was agreed to.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

72 An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Six Thouſand Pounds by a Lottery, for the further Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, was read a third Time and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* William Withers *and* Auguſtine Waſhington, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill *For appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate the Accounts of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling's *Point Warehouſe, in the County of* Dinwiddie, *and for the Relief of the Proprietors of the ſaid Tobacco.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill, *To explain an Act, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the written Meſſage from the Governor, and the Letter therein mentioned, delivered on *Wedneſday* laſt.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid written Meſſage and Letter To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Tueſday, July 1ſt, 1755.

A Petition of *George Webb*, ſetting forth, that for above a Year paſt, the public Buſineſs in the Treaſury has greatly increaſed, and daily continues ſo to do, which requires much longer Time of Attendance, Expence and Application, than heretofore, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr *Lomax* from the Committee of Trade, preſented to the Houſe according to Order,

73 a Bill, *For laying an additional Duty on Rum, and other diſtilled Spirits, not being of the Produce of his Majeſty's Sugar Iſlands*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor to order a new Writ to iſſue for the Electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Brunſwick*, in the Room of *John Willis*, Gent. who ſince his Election hath accepted the Office of Coroner of the ſaid County, and that Mr *Robert Jones* do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

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The Houſe according to Order proceeded to the Conſideration of the Book of Claims, and Part thereof was read and agreed to with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Book be put off till To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again resolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill *For appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine and ſtate the Accounts of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling*'s Point Warehouſe, in the County of* Dinwiddie, *and for the Relief of the Proprietors of the ſaid Tobacco*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r^ Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r^ *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read.

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee on the Bill *To explain an Act, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, and after ſome Time ſpent therein M^r^ Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r^ *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That his Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, on the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the written Meſſage from the Governor, delivered on *Wedneſday* laſt.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid written Meſſage To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Wedneſday, July 2d, 1755.

THE Houſe according to Order reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Book of Claims, and the remaining Part thereof was read, and the Allowances of the ſeveral Officers being added, it was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That M^r^ *Ruffin* do carry the Book of Claims to the Council for 74
their Concurrence, and that he wait on the Governor and deſire his aſſent thereto.

A written Meſſage from the Governor by M^r^ *Walthoe*;

M^r^ Speaker,

"I laſt Night received by Expreſs, a Letter from the County Lieutenant of *Hampſhire*, and another from Lord *Fairfax*, giving me an Account of ſeveral Families near the Fort, being murdered by *Indians*, and as ſuppoſed, by ſome *French*, which I thought proper to lay before your Houſe, for your immediate Conſideration, and that you will enable me to give the Inhabitants of thoſe Parts of the Colony all poſſible Aſſiſtance. The Expreſs waits in Town which requires your Diſpatch.

Ordered, That the ſaid written Meſſage and Letters therein mentioned do lie on the Table.

A Meſſage from the Council by M^r^ *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill intituled, *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* William Withers *and* Auguſtine Waſhington *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; with an Amendment to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the ſaid Bill, and the ſame being read was agreed to,

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendment by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

A Motion being made that the County of *Lunenburg*, ſhould have Credit in the Book of Claims for a Quantity of Tobacco levied for the Clerk and Sheriff of that County at a former Seſſion of Aſſembly for ſeveral illegal Charges in their Accounts againſt the ſaid County, and that the ſame ſhould be levied on the ſaid Clerk and Sheriff for the Uſe of the ſaid County.

Ordered, That the ſaid Motion be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Petition of *George Webb*, Clerk to the Treaſury, which was Yeſterday preſented to the Houſe and ordered to lie on the Table, and thereupon,

Ordered, That the ſaid *George Webb*, be allowed the Sum of £. 25 as an Addition to his Salary for the laſt Year, and that the Sum of £. 100 *per Annum*, be paid to the ſaid *George Webb* for his Salary henceforward.

Mr *Lomax* from the Committee of Trade, preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill *For eſtabliſhing Pilots and regulating their Fees*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Waller*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *To impower the Secretary of this Colony to ſell certain Lands therein mentioned*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed.

Mr *Carter Burwell* from the Committee of Privileges and Elections reported That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Returns of the Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Cumberland*, and *Gloſter*, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows,

Reſolved, That the Returns of the ſaid Writs are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Mr *Bland*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill, *For appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine and ſtate the Accounts of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling*'s Point Warehouſe, in the County of* Dinwiddie, *and for Relief of the Proprietors of the ſaid Tobacco.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill, *To explain an Act, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the written Meſſage from the Governor, delivered to the Houſe on *Wedneſday* laſt.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid written Meſſage To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Thurſday,

Thurſday, July 3d, 1755.

THE Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, *To explain an Act, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French.

Ordered, That the written Meſſage from the Governor, Yeſterday delivered to this Houſe, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again. 76

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee to whom the Bill *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, was committed reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill *For appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate the Accounts of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling's *Point Warehouſe, in the County of* Dinwiddie, *and for the Relief of the Proprietors of the ſaid Tobacco.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the written Meſſage from the Governor, delivered to this Houſe on *Wedneſday* the 25th *ult.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid written Meſſage To-morrow.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Secretary of this Colony, to ſell certain Lands therein mentioned*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Waller* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill, *For laying an additional Duty on Rum, and other diſtilled Spirits, not being of the Produce of his Majeſty's Sugar Iſlands*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Six Thouſand Pounds by a Lottery, for the further Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French.

Alſo to the Book of public Claims.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to proportion the public Levy of the following Perſons, *viz.* Mr *Ruffin*, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Weſtwood*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Tucker*, Mr *Dangerfield*, and Mr *Francis Smith.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Friday,

Friday, July 4th, 1755.

Ordered,

THAT Mr *Walke* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Remainder of this Seſſion, and that Mr *Bolling* have Leave to be abſent till *Tueſday* next.

77 An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying an additional Duty on Rum, and other diſtilled Spirits, not being of the Produce of his Majeſty's Sugar Iſlands*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Tucker* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report made Yeſterday, from the Committee to whom the Bill *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, was committed, and the ſame being read, was agreed to with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendment be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying an additional Duty on Rum, and other diſtilled Spirits, not being of the Produce of his Majeſty's Sugar Iſlands.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Secretary of this Colony, to ſell certain Lands therein mentioned*, without any Amendment.

The Order of the Day being read, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill *To explain an Act, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments, as amended, be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill *For appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine, and ſtate the Accounts of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling's *Point Warehouſe, in the County of* Dinwiddie, *and for the Relief of the Proprietors of the ſaid Tobacco.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the written Meſſage from the Governor, delivered to the Houſe on *Wedneſday* the 25th of *June laſt.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid written Meſſage To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Saturday, July 5th, 1755.

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UPON a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by an Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French

French, do allow the Sum of Five Pounds to *John Durham*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, who having received ſeveral Wounds in the late Engagement with the *French*, was diſcharged as unfit for Service.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain an Act, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, the Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill *For appointing Commiſſioners to take, examine and ſtate the Accounts of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling*'s-Point Warehouſe in the County of* Dinwiddie, *and for Relief of the Proprietors of the ſaid Tobacco*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration the written Meſſage from the Governor, delivered to the Houſe on *Wedneſday* the 25th of *June* laſt.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid written Meſſage on *Monday* next.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Monday, July 7th, 1755.

AN ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling's *Point Warehouſe, in the County of* Dinwiddie, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Attorney* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence. 79

A Bill, *For eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr Attorney, Mr *Norton*, Mr *Hutchings*, and Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the written Meſſage from the Governor delivered to the Houſe on *Wedneſday* the 25th of laſt Month, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid written Meſſage under their Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report

port to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and is as follows;

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Honor the Governor, to aſſure his Honor, that on Conſideration of his Meſſage, laying before this Houſe a Letter from General *Braddock* requiring Proviſions and Artillery for the garriſoning Fort *Du Queſne*, in Caſe he ſhould take the ſaid Fort, we ſhall be at all Times ready to pay our Proportion of the Proviſions and Charges for conveying up the Artillery that ſhall be neceſſary for the Garriſon in the ſaid Fort; and further to acquaint his Honor, That this Houſe hath paſſed a Bill, among other Things for paying his Honor the Sum of Two Thouſand Pounds, to be laid out in raiſing and maintaining three Companies of Men, conſiſting of Fifty each, to be employed as Rangers for the Protection of the Inhabitants in the Frontiers of this Colony. The Intention of which was, that one of the ſaid Companies ſhould range for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, in the County of *Hampſhire*, and the other two in the County of *Auguſta*, in ſuch Manner as his Honor ſhould direct; and that as it is apprehended the Inhabitants in the ſaid Frontiers are in preſent Danger, this Houſe do deſire that his Honor will be pleaſed to give immediate Orders for raiſing the ſaid Men and employing them as aforeſaid.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Patton* do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling's *Point Warehouſe, in the County of* Dinwiddie.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain an Act, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, without any Amendments.

80 Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries*, with an Amendment to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendment propoſed by the Council to the ſaid Bill, and the ſame being read was diſagreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and acquaint them that this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendment by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

Mr Attorney, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For eſtabliſhing Pilots and regulating their Fees*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendment as amended, be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Tueſday, July 8th, 1755.

Ordered,

THAT Mr Attorney and Mr *Wythe* be added to the Committee appointed to examine the inrolled Bills.

Mr *Ruffin* reported, that the Committee appointed had, according to Order ſettled the Proportion of the County Levy, and ſtated the ſame in a Book, which he delivered in at the Table, where it was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Ruffin* do carry the ſaid Book to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That

That they have receded from the Amendments by them propoſed and diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries.*

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Lomax* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A written Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr, Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

" In Anſwer to your Addreſs of Yeſterday, it was determined at the Congreſs at *Alexandria*, if the General ſucceeded in taking the Fort, the Charges of Artillery, for garriſoning it with the Proviſions and all other Expences were to be paid by the Governments of *Pennſylvania*, *Maryland*, and this Dominion; and I am fully of Opinion there can be no more demanded from this Colony than their Quota of all ſuch Charges.

I have ſent an Expreſs ſome Time ſince to Lord *Fairfax* and Mr *Martin* to raiſe two Companies of Rangers in *Frederick* and *Hampſhire*, where I think there is the greateſt Danger from theſe barbarous Murderers; and I ſhall give Col. *Patton* Orders to raiſe an- 81
other Company in *Auguſta* where Captain *Lewis* now is, with Fifty Men of our Forces. If hereafter I ſhall obſerve the Enemy's Deſigns are againſt *Auguſta*, I ſhall order one of the above Companies immediately to march to their Protection.

And the ſaid written Meſſage was read.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Book of Proportions.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *For Laying a public Levy*, and it is referred to Mr *Ruffin* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And he accordingly preſented to the Houſe, a Bill *For laying a public Levy*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

A Bill *For laying a public Levy* was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a public Levy*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Ruffin* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a public Levy.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots and regulating their Fees*, with an Amendment to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendment propoſed by the Council to the ſaid Bill, and the ſame was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Lomax* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and acquaint them that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendment by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o-Clock.

Wedneſday, July 9th, 1755.

MR. *Pendleton* reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, examined the inrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly inrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry the inrolled Bills to the Council for their Inſpection.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed by an Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection*
82 *of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, to allow the Sum of Five Pounds immediately, and Five Pounds *per Annum*, during Life to *Edward Goodwin*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, who behaved himſelf well during the Time of his Service, but being rendered unfit for Service, by a Wound he received in the late Engagement at the *Great Meadows*, was diſcharged from the ſaid Regiment.

A Meſſage from the Council by M^r *Walthoe*.

That they have inſpected the inrolled Bills, and are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled.

A Meſſage from the Governor by M^r *Walthoe*;

M^r Speaker,

"The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

M^r Speaker with the Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

1. *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Six Thouſand Pounds, by a Lottery, for the further Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French.
2. *An Act to explain an Act, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*
3. *An Act for continuing ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for the Encouragement and Protection of the Settlers upon the Waters of the* Miſſiſſippi, *as relates to the raiſing and impoſing, collecting and paying the Duties therein mentioned.*
4. *An Act for laying an additional Duty on Rum, and other diſtilled Spirits, not being of the Produce of his Majeſty's Sugar Iſlands.*
5. *An Act for the further amending the Act, intituled, An Act for amending the Staple of Tobacco, and preventing Frauds in his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.*
6. *An Act for employing and better maintaining the Poor.*
7. *An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act declaring the Law concerning Executions, and for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*
8. *An Act for prohibiting Inſpectors of Tar, Pitch and Turpentine, from purchaſing ſuch Commodities.*
9. *An Act for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling*'s Point Warehouſe, in the County of* Dinwiddie.
10. *An Act for reviving an Act, intituled, An Act for preſerving the Breed of Sheep.*
11. *An Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees.*
12. *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries.*
13. *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*
14. *An Act for laying a public Levy.*
15. *An Act for reviſing an Act, intituled, An Act for allowing Fairs to be kept in the Town of* Alexandria.
16. *An Act to oblige Perſons who bring Tobacco and other Goods to* Weſtham, *to pay Storage for the ſame.*
83 17. *An Act for enabling the Inhabitants of the Counties of* Princeſs-Anne *and* Norfolk, *to pay their public Dues in Money.*
18. *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of St.* Andrew *in the County of* Brunſwick, *and electing a new Veſtry in the ſaid Pariſh.*
19. *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of* Nottoway *into two diſtinct Pariſhes and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*
20. *An Act for the Relief of thoſe Perſons who were Sufferers in the Loſs of the Records of the County of* Nanſemond, *whoſe Caſes have not already been provided for.*
21. *An Act to impower the Secretary of this Colony, to ſell certain Lands therein mentioned.*
22. *An Act to confirm and eſtabliſh an Agreement made between* William Withers *and* Auguſtine

Auguſtine Waſhington, *for the Settlement of their reſpective Rights to certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

And likewiſe to the following Reſolve, *viz.*

For allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds *per Annum*, from the End of this preſent Seſſion, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

And then his Honor was pleaſed to make the following SPEECH.

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r^ Speaker and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes.

I SINCERELY thank you for your agreeable and ſeaſonable Supply, for conducting the neceſſary and juſt Expedition: That Part you have left to my Conduct, ſhall be made Uſe of with Frugality, for the Service it's intended.

I am under much Concern for the barbarous Behaviour of the *French* and their *Indians*, in murdering and robbing our Fellow Subjects on our Frontier Settlements.

Gentlemen, I am in great Hopes, before this, that General *Braddock* is in Poſſeſſion of the Fort on the *Ohio*, that the *French* took from us laſt Summer; but it is to be feared, that flying Parties of *French* and *Indians* will invade our Country, and repeat their Barbarities.

I therefore heartily recommend to you, to prevail with the Officers in the different Counties, to muſter and exerciſe the Militia, which under the Divine Protection, is our only Safety, and is what I have already commanded them.

I wiſh you an agreeable Receſs, and I think proper to prorogue you to the Second *Tueſday* in *October* next, and you are accordingly prorogued to that Time.

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Tueſday, Auguſt 5th, 1755.

A MESSAGE from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr, Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of your Houſe in the Council Chamber;

Accordingly Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up to attend the Governor;

And being returned, he reported, That the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and that the Governor was pleased to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows;

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I AM truly ſorry for the Occaſion of calling you together ſo ſuddenly, but the unexpected and fatal Defeat of General *Braddock* at *Monongahela*, made it abſolutely neceſſary to call the Aſſembly, that the moſt vigorous and ſpeedy Efforts might immediately be exerted, to prevent the deſtructive Effects of an Event, particularly threatening this Colony with the moſt fatal Conſequences. The Letters I received from Mr *Orme*, Aid de Camp to the General, and from Colonel *Waſhington*, I ſhall cauſe to be laid before you.

2 *Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

As the Road from Fort *Cumberland* to the *Ohio* is now opened, and our Enemies poſſeſſed of great Part of our Artillery; this Colony is extremely laid open, and expoſed to the Inſults of a barbarous and inhuman Enemy, flushed and elated with their late Succeſs.

This lays you, Gentlemen, under an indiſpenſible Neceſſity of doing every Thing that may conduce to diſlodge thoſe Murderers, and preſerve our Fellow Subjects from the baſe and horrid Butcheries that they have already given us ſo many exaſperating Specimens of, and are impatient to repeat.

I have endeavored to check their Violence, by ordering out three Companies of Rangers, in the three Frontier Counties; but it is with you, *Gentlemen*, to effectuate my earneſt Deſire of ſerving my Royal Maſter, and ſaving his People; by ſtrengthening my Hands

Hands with such Means, as may beſt enable me to act with Quickneſs and Force on every Occaſion, as the Emergency of our Affairs may require.

The firſt Preparative, is, I conceive, to form and enforce ſuch a Law, as may render the Militia both able and ready to be uſeful, when called upon to defend their Country; and therefore I would recommend to you the Forming ſuch an Act as may oblige every Subject, that is able to bear Arms, to be ready and obedient on all Occaſions, to acquire ſuch military Knowledge, and ſubmit to ſuch military Diſcipline, as can alone make them act with Safety and Honor to themſelves, and Utility to their Country.

The natural Bravery of our Countrymen, if ever queſtioned, is now eſtabliſhed beyond a Doubt, by thoſe *Virginia* Forces, who purchaſed, with their Lives, immortal Glory to their Country and themselves, on the Banks of *Monongahela*.

It remains only to regulate and conduct this Valor, of which our People are ſo eminently poſſeſſed; and then to furniſh them with the proper Means for applying it in action. The Mention of this laſt Requeſt ſuggeſts to me the unarmed and unprovided State of the Colony; which, with great Concern, I find by an exact Enquiry, that I have juſt now cauſed to be made, is ſuch, as requires your immediate Conſideration of, and Proviſion for.

The brutal Savages who are lurking and prowling about our Habitations to perpetrate the moſt cruel Outrages, have juſtly ſubjected themſelves to be conſidered, rather as devouring Beaſts of Prey, than hoſtile Men: Therefore, I hope you will think the Meaſures taken by our Brethren of *New-England*, expedient for your Safety alſo; and by giving a Reward for the taking or ſcalping our *Indian* Enemies, provide ſuch an Encouragement as may induce our People to cut off the Deſtroyers, before they come to execute their purpoſed Villanies on our helpleſs Wives, and poor defenceleſs Babes after whoſe Blood the inſatiate Cowards thirſt inceſſantly.

Whatever be determined on in this imminent Danger, I doubt not you will conſider that the putting thoſe Reſolutions in Execution, will be attended with Expence, which however great and burthenſome at preſent, yet will be rendered leſs uneaſy by the Conſideration to which I hope every one will recur, that it is to preſerve to us, and our 3
Poſterity, the moſt invaluable, and by all Mankind eſteemed, the moſt dear and moſt deſirable of all human Treaſures, *RELIGIOUS* AND *CIVIL LIBERTY*.

The Magazine in this City is much expoſed, I therefore think it abſolutely neceſſary to have a Guard Room built, and a proper Guard eſtabliſhed, to be by due Rotation conſtantly in Duty; I hope you will agree with me that this is neceſſary, and accordingly appropriate a ſufficient Sum for building the Guard Room, and paying the Guard.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

The Urgency of every Circumſtance attending this unhappy Cauſe of your Meeting, will, I hope, excite your utmoſt Diligence, and that you will expedite all your Proceedings, with the cloſeſt Application, and Attention to the important Purpoſe, which will by no Means admit of any Delay; leſt we verify the opprobrious Taunt of our Enemies, who boasted, "That they would employ in Actions the Time we waſted in futile and undeterminate Conſiderations.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

Never was any Aſſembly, whereon more immediately depended, not to ſay the Honor only, but the Preſervation and Safety of the Colony. Let our Country's danger enflame our Boſoms with the moſt vigorous Reſolutions, to ſignalize ourſelves in her Cauſe on every Occaſion, either in Counſel or in the Field; and emulous of the brave Example of our ſlaughtered Heroes, let us ſeize every Opportunity to enrol our Names in the Records of immortal Honor, with theirs, whoſe Obſequies we ſhould celebrate, not with fruitleſs Lamentations, but with juſt and animated Vengeance on their Deſtroyers.

Reſolved, That an Addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor, to return him our ſincere Thanks for his Speech; to express our Concern for the late unhappy Defeat of his Majeſty's Forces, to aſſure him of our Affection to his Majeſty, and how truly ſenſible we

we are of the Bleſſings we enjoy under him, and that we ſhall endeavor to act in the moſt vigorous Manner for his Honor and our own Preſervation.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the Governor, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr Attorney, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Landon Carter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr, Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to lay before your Houſe, Captain *Robert Orme*'s Letter to his Honor of the 18th Inſtant.

Alſo a Letter from Mr *George Waſhington* of the ſame Date, and the ſaid Letters were read.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Governor's Speech into Conſideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr *William Stith* be continued Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at 8 o'Clock.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Door-Keepers be continued in their reſpective Offices, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o-Clock.

Wedneſday, Auguſt 6th, 1755.

A Petition of *Rebecca Polſon*, ſetting forth, That the Petitioner's Huſband being a Captain in the late Expedition, was (moſt unfortunately for her and her Infant Child) killed in the late Action on *Monongahela*, by which, and her ill State of Health, they are in Danger of being reduced to the Want of the common Neceſſaries of Life, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That 26 £. *per Annum*, be allowed to Mrs *Rebecca Polſon* Wife of Capt. *Polſon*, who was Captain in this Expedition, and killed in the late Engagement on the *Monongahela*, during her Widowhood.

Ordered, That Mr *Wythe* do carry the ſaid Reſolve to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr Attorney, reported that the Committee appointed had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read and agreed to, and is as follows,

SIR,

WE his Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, now met in General Aſſembly, return your Honor our ſincere Thanks for your affectionate Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion.

The Defeat of his Majeſty's Forces under the Command of General *Braddock*, and the Loſs of ſo many brave men, who glorioufly died in the Cauſe of their King and Country, muſt naturally affect us with the greateſt concern.

But theſe unhappy and unexpected ſtrokes of War, ſerve only to animate a juſt Reſentment, and engage us to exert our utmoſt Spirit and Vigor againſt a barbarous and inhuman Enemy, the Slaves of arbitrary Power, and the Diſturbers of the Peace of Mankind.

Actuated by theſe Sentiments, and influenced by the ſtrongeſt Principles of Fidelity to his Majeſty, and Love to our Country, we beg Leave to aſſure your Honor, that no Endeavour on our Part, ſhall be wanting to repel theſe cruel Invaders of our Properties; being fully convinced the People of *Virginia* will think no Burthen too grievous, that ſhall be found neceſſary for the Preſervation of that which is ſo valuable and dear to them, their *CIVIL* AND *RELIGIOUS LIBERTY*.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame, wait on the Governor to know his Pleaſure when this Houſe ſhall attend his Honor to preſent it.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into their Conſideration the Governor's Speech,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the Governor's Speech under their Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and are as follow;

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Law intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia*, be amended.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Law, intituled, *An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, be amended.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Soldiers now in our Pay, including the Rangers be augmented to the Number of 1200 for the Protection of our Frontiers.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Sum of Forty Thouſand Pounds be raiſed for the Support and Maintenance of the 1200 Men to be employed in the Protection of our Frontiers.

The two firſt Reſolutions being read a ſecond time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, That the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills, be brought in pursuant to the Reſolutions agreed to by the Houſe, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *William Randolph*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Moore*, Mr *Chiſwell*, Mr *Lomax*, Mr *Thornton*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Ruffin*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Henry Robinſon*, Mr *Harriſon*, Mr *Howard*, and Mr *Fairfax*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the two laſt Reſolutions, be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o-Clock.

Thurſday, Auguſt 7th, 1755.

MR. Attorney, reported, that the Committee apppointed had, according to Order, waited on the Governor to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, that he would receive it To-day, and that he would ſignify, by a Meſſage to the Houſe when he was ready to receive it.

Mr Speaker informed the Houſe that he had received a Letter from ſeveral Officers of the *Virginia* Regiment, from the Camp at *Wills's* Creek, addreſſed to this Houſe, which he laid before the Houſe, and the ſame was read, and is as follows;

Camp at Wills's Creek, Auguſt 1, 1755.

Gentlemen,

WE had the Misfortune to loſe our Horſes, Furniture, Tents, Marquees, Cloaths, Linnens, in ſhort all our Field Equipage, in the late Action on *Monongahela*, which we hope you will be ſo good as to take under your Conſideration, and make us ſuch an Allowance as will, in some Meaſure compenſate our Loſſes, and enable us to take the Field again. This we find is cuſtomary among the *Britiſh* Troops,

Troops, by Way of a contingent Bill. Upon Enquiry you will have the Pleaſure to find that Yours are equally deſerving. The ſmall Number who were engaged, and ſurvived the Action, give us the greater Reaſon to expect your Redreſs.

We are, with great Reſpect, *Gentlemen*,

Your moſt faithful and obedient humble Servants,

Adam Stephen,
Thomas Waggoner,
Robert Stewart,
James Craik,
William Bronaugh,
Walter Stewart.
Hector MacNeill.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie on the Table.

Mr *Charles Carter* moved for Leave to bring a Bill *To lengthen the Time of Inſpection*, and the Queſtion being thereupon put;

It paſſed in the Negative.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of that Part of the Report made Yeſterday from the Committee of the whole Houſe, which was referred to be conſidered this Day, and the ſame being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to conſider of Ways and means to raiſe the Sum of £. 40,000 purſuant to the Reſolutions of the Committee this Day agreed to by the Houſe, To-morrow.

A Message from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, that his Honor is now ready to receive their Address in the Council Chamber.

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up, and being returned, reported, That he with the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer;

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes;

I Return you my ſincere Thanks for this affectionate and loyal Addreſs: It breaths the true Spirit of Patriotiſm, it is ſo expreſſive of your Duty to the King, and Love for your Country; it alſo ſtrongly diſplays your juſt Reſentment of the Defeat of General Braddock, *and the Loſs of our brave Countrymen.*

It gives me great Pleaſure to obſerve your Intentions to do all in your Power to repel the cruel Invaders of our Properties. Nothing ſhall be wanting on my Part to aſſiſt in ſo deſirable a Work; and what Confidence you may repoſe in me, ſhall always be diſcharged with Probity to theſe great and important Services.

Mr Speaker alſo reported, That the Governor was pleaſed at the ſame Time to ſay, that he would lay before this Houſe a Copy of his Letter to Colonel *Dunbar*, with his Original Anſwer thereto; alſo a Copy of his Letter to Major-General *Shirley*.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr Speaker,

"The Governor has commanded me to lay before your Houſe, a Copy of his Letter to Col. *Dunbar*, and his Original Anſwer; alſo a Copy of his Letter to Major-General *Shirley*.

And the ſame were read.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o-Clock.

Friday,

Friday, Auguſt 8th, 1755.

THE Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe the Sum of 40,000 £. agreeable to the Reſolution of the Committee Yeſterday agreed to by the Houſe, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had come to a Reſolution thereon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows;

Reſolved, That the Sum of 40,000 £. to be raiſed for the Protection of our Frontiers, be raiſed by a Duty of 5 *per Cent.* on all Goods imported into this Colony, except *Madeira* Wine, Rum, Muſcovado Sugar, Molaſſes, Salt and Proviſions, and on the Salaries and Fees of all Public officers, and alſo a Tax of one Shilling *per* Poll, on every tithable Perſon, and one Shilling and Three Pence, on every Hundred Acres of Land, within this Colony.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and alſo to the Reſolutions of the Committee Yeſterday agreed to by the Houſe, and it is referred to Mr Attorney, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Power*, Mr *Ruffin*, Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*, Mr *Pendleton* and Mr *Dewey*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *To eſtabliſh a ſummary Method for recovering his Majeſty's Quit-Rents, collected and received by the Sheriffs in the reſpective* 8 *Counties in this Colony*, and it is referred to Mr Attorney to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o-Clock.

Saturday, Auguſt 9th, 1755.

UPON a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For preventing the Cruelties and Barbarities of the Indians at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Power*, and Mr *Landon Carter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee appointed, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For amending an Act, intituled an Act, for the better Regulation of the Militia*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, *To eſtabliſh a ſummary Method for recovering his Majeſty's Quit-Rents, collected and received by the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties in this Colony*, that they receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, to prevent the Sheriffs in this Colony from letting their Offices to Farm.

A Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of *Norfolk*, ſetting forth, that by an Act of Aſſembly made in the Year 1738, a Court-Martial is appointed to be held by them in the Month of *October*, yearly, for puniſhing Delinquents in the Militia, which Month is very inconvenient for holding ſuch Court, as it interferes with the General Court, where moſt of the Members are generally obliged to attend, and praying an Alteration in this Particular, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

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Upon a Motion made,

A Bill, *For amending an Act, intituled an Act, for the better Regulation of the Militia*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the Borough of *Norfolk* be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration the Bill, *For amending an Act, intituled an Act, for the better Regulation of the Militia*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned to *Monday* Morning at Nine o-Clock.

Monday Auguſt 11th, 1755.

A PETITION of *William Hunter* Printer, ſetting forth, that his Salary as Printer to this Houſe, will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and praying that the ſame may be continued to him, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the Sum of £. 300 *Per Annum*, be allowed to *William Hunter*, Printer, from the End of this preſent Seſſion to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr *Waller* do carry it to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Petition of *Thomas Penman*, Keeper of the Public Goal, ſetting forth, That this Houſe did, at the laſt Seſſion of this Aſſembly, alter the Method of the Payment of the Petitioner's Salary, by encreaſing the Allowance for maintaining the Priſoners, from thence to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, and praying that this Houſe will be pleaſed to continue ſuch Allowance; was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the Additional Sum of £. 15 be paid to the ſaid *Thomas Penman*, every year, over and above his uſual Salary of £. 25.

Reſolved, That Ten Pounds of Tobacco *per* Day be allowed the ſaid *Thomas Penman*, for every Criminal committed to the ſaid Goal during ſuch Criminals Impriſonment, from this Time to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, for amending an Act, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Mr Attorney preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £. 40,000, for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects in the Frontiers of this Colony*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Charles Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For preventing the Cruelties and Barbarities of the Indians at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

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Mr Attorney preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *To recover His Majeſty's Quit-Rents, collected by the Sheriffs, in a ſummary Way*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made, 10

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *To regulate the Price of Indian Corn in the preſent Scarcity*; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Waller*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, Auguſt 12th, 1755.

MR. *Charles Carter*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, for amending an Act, intituled, *An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £.* 40,000 *for the Protection of His Majeſty's Subjects in the Frontiers of this Colony*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

Ordered, That the Letter from the ſeveral Officers of the *Virginia* Regiment, laid before this Houſe, and ordered to lie on the Table on *Thurſday* laſt, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Mr *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe according to Order a Bill, *To regulate the Price of Indian Corn in the preſent Scarcity*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill *For preventing the Cruelties and Barbarities of the Indians at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Bill *To recover His Majeſty's Quit-Rents, collected by the Sheriffs in a ſummary Way*, was read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Bill for amending an Act, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of the Militia*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto; but not 11
having Time to draw them up, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, Auguſt 13th, 1755.

A MEMBER returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

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An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to recover His Majeſty's Quit-Rents in a ſummary Way*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry it to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Written Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr Speaker.

"The Council thinking it highly neceſſary at this Juncture, have reſolved upon preparing an Adreſs to His Majeſty, to expreſs our grateful Senſe of his paternal Care, in ſending Officers, Soldiers, and Money for our Preſervation from our cruel and inhuman Enemies, to lay before His Majeſty, the preſent diſtreſſed and dangerous Situation of our Country, ariſing from the late unfortunate Defeat of the Army under the Command of General *Braddock*, and to beſeech His Majeſty, to continue to extend his Royal Favor and Protection to his faithful Subjects of this Colony: And have appointed three of their Members to join with ſuch a Number of the Burgeſſes, as *their* Houſe ſhall think proper to appoint, in order to draw the ſame, if *they* ſhall incline to concur with them therein.

And that they had read in Council a Plan of a Militia Law, directed to his Honor the Governor, the Council, and Houſe of Burgeſſes, by *Philip Ludwell Lee* Eſquire, and had referred it to the Conſideration of your Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Plan do lie on the Table.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the above written Meſſage from the Council, and thereupon

Reſolved, That this Houſe do agree to join in the ſaid Addreſs;

Ordered, That Mr Attorney, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Page*, and Mr *Thornton*, be appointed by this Houſe to meet, and in Conjunction with ſuch of the Members of the Council, as they have appointed for that Purpoſe, to prepare the ſame.

12 *Ordered*, That Mr Attorney do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and inform them thereof.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to recover His Majeſty's Quit-Rents, collected by the Sheriffs in a ſummary Way*; alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing the Cruelties and Barbarities of the* Indians *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*; with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions, as were referred from the laſt to this Seſſion of Aſſembly; and alſo all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions, as ſhall be certified to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing the Cruelties and Barbarities of the* Indians, *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs:

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Reſolve of this Houſe for allowing *William Hunter* Printer, £. 300 *per Annum*, from the End of this preſent Seſſion to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes, and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

Alſo to the Reſolve for allowing £. 26 *per Annum*, to Mrs *Rebecca Polſon*, Widow of Captain *Polſon*, who was Captain in this Expedition, and killed in the late Engagement on the *Monongahela*, during her Widowhood.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages, for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

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A Bill for amending an Act, intituled, *An Act for making Provifion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to draw up the Amendments agreed to by the Committee to the Bill *For the better Regulation of the Militia*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had drawn up the ſaid Amendments to the ſaid Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered 13
the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments as amended, be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to recover His Majeſty's Quit-Rents, collected by the Sheriffs in a ſummary Way*; and the ſame being read, were diſagreed to, by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and deſire they will paſs the Bill, without the ſaid Amendments:

The Houſe alſo proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments, propoſed by the Council, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Cruelties and Barbarities of the* Indians, *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, and the ſame being read, were diſagreed to, by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments, by them propoſed, to the ſaid Bill, and deſire they will paſs the Bill, without the ſaid Amendments.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, for amending the Act, intituled, *An Act for making Provifion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, Auguſt 14th, 1755.

MR. *Landon Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr Speaker,

The Members of the Council, appointed to meet, and in Conjunction with thoſe appointed by your Houſe, to prepare an Addreſs to His Majeſty, are now ready in the Conference Chamber.

And then the Members appointed by this Houſe for that Purpoſe withdrew.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation and training of the Militia*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up;

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs. 14

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

Ordered,

Ordered, That M^r *Fairfax* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £.* 40,000 *for the Protection of His Majeſty's Subjects in the Frontiers of this Colony*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For amending an Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, Auguſt 15th, 1755.

Ordered,

THAT an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Auguſta*, in the Room of M^r *James Patton*, deceaſed, who was murdered by a Party of *Indians*, on his Return home from the laſt Seſſion of this Aſſembly; and that M^r *Pendleton* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For appointing an Agent*; and it is referred to M^r *Landon Carter*, M^r *Charles Carter*, and M^r *Bland*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Bill, *To regulate the Price of Indian Corn in the preſent Scarcity*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to M^r *Lomax*, M^r *Landon Carter*, M^r *Pendleton*, and M^r *Waller*.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £.* 40,000 *for the Protection of His Majeſty's Subjects, in the Frontiers of this Colony*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report be put off 'til To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration the Bill, *For amending an Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd 'til To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday,

Saturday Auguſt 16th, 1755.

A MESSAGE from the Council by Mr *Walthoe:*

That they recede from the Amendments by them propoſed, and diſagreed to[1] by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act, to recover His Majeſty's Quit-Rents, collected by the Sheriffs in a ſummary Way.*

And, that they inſiſt on their Amendments diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing the Cruelties and Barbarities of the* Indians, *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony.*

The Houſe immmediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments, and the ſame being read,

Reſolved, That this Houſe do adhere to their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Ordered, That Mr *William Randolph* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That there be a call of the Houſe on *Monday* next.

Mr *Landon Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For appointing an Agent*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Lomax*, from the Committee to whom the Bill, *To regulate the Price of Indian Corn, in the preſent Scarcity*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made an Amendment thereto; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendment, in at the Table, where the Amendment was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, that the Bill, with the Amendment be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments made Yeſterday, by 16
the Committee of the whole Houſe, to the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £.* 40000 *for the Protection of His Majeſty's Subjects in the Frontiers of this Colony*, which were ordered to be conſidered this Day; and the ſame being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be recommitted to the ſaid Committee.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their Conſideration the Bill, *For amending an Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

A Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages, for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'til *Monday* Morning Nine o'Clock.

Monday, Auguſt 18th, 1755.

A MESSAGE from the Council by Mr *Walthoe:*

That they adhere to the Amendments by them propoſed, and adhered to[1] by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing the Cruelties and Barbarities of the* Indians, *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, and deſire that this Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement.

1 So in the original. It ſhould be, diſagreed to, etc.

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Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the* Indians *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*; and it is referred to M^r *Charles Carter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to regulate the Price of Indian Corn, in the preſent Scarcity*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Pendleton* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

M^r *Charles Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For preventing*
17 *and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the* Indians *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe, be put off till To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £.* 40,000 *for the Protection of His Majeſty's Subjects in the Frontiers of this Colony*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r Speaker resumed the Chair, and M^r *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and had made ſeveral other Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, as amended, be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, for amending an Act, intituled, *An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Upon a Motion made,

A Bill *For preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the* Indians *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

M^r *Charles Carter* reported, That the joint Committee appointed by the Council and this Houſe, had according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to His Majeſty, which was left with the Members on the Part of the Council, to be by them carried to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Tueſday, Auguſt 19th, 1755.

A MESSAGE from the Council, by M^r *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Addreſs to His Majeſty;

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Price of Indian Corn in the preſent Scarcity*, with an Amendment, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendment, propoſed by the Council to the ſaid Bill, and the ſame being read, was diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That M^r *Pendleton* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendment, by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

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The Houſe then proceeded to the Conſideration of the Addreſs to His Majeſty, and 18
the ſame being read, was agreed to, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Addreſs to His Majeſty with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the* Indians, *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of £.* 40,000 *for the Protection of His Majeſty's Subjects in the Frontiers of this Colony*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Upon a Motion a made,

An ingroſſed Clauſe was added to the Bill as a Rider, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they inſiſt on the Amendment, by them propoſed, and diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill intituled, *An Act for regulating the Price of* Indian *Corn in the preſent Scarcity*, and deſire that this Houſe will recede from their Diſagreement to the ſaid Amendment.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation and training of the Militia*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to Two, and diſagreed to the other Amendments, propoſed by this Houſe, to the Addreſs to His Majeſty, and deſire that this Houſe will *paſs* the ſaid Addreſs, with the Amendments as agreed to.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the* Indians, *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, without any Amendment.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For prolonging the Time appointed, for drawing the public Lottery*, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments, by them propoſed, and diſagreed to, by the Council, to the Addreſs to His Majeſty, and the ſame being read,

Reſolved, That this Houſe do recede from the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and inform 19
them thereof.

The Houſe alſo proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Bill intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation and training of the Militia*, and the ſame being read, ſome of them were agreed to, and the others diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe have agreed to ſome, and diſagreed to the other Amendments, by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and deſire they will paſs the Bill with the Amendments agreed to.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off till To-morrow.

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The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill for amending an Act, intituled, *An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Wedneſday, Auguſt 20th, 1755.

MR. *Charles Carter*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For prolonging the Time appointed for drawing the public Lottery*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendment inſiſted on by the Council, and diſagreed to by the Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Price of Indian Corn in the preſent Scarcity*, and the ſame was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe do recede from their Diſagreement, to the ſaid Amendment.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks there in filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Bill *For appointing an Agent*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Carter Burwell*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr Attorney, and Mr *Charles Carter*.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Bill for amending an Act, intituled, *An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Charles Carter* reported That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments as amended, be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, Auguſt 21ſt, 1755.

A MESSAGE from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*:

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of £.* 40,000 *for the Protection of His Majeſty's Subjects in the Frontiers of this Colony*;

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages, for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

And that they have receded from ſome, and inſiſt on the other Amendments, by them propoſed, and diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation and training of the Militia.*

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The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments inſiſted on by the Council, and diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the ſaid Bill, and the ſame being read, the Houſe receded from their Diſagreement to one, and inſiſted on their Diſagreement to the others of the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe do recede from their Diſagreement to one, and inſiſt on their Diſagreement to the reſt of the ſaid Amendments.

An ingroſſed Bill intituled, an Act for amending an Act, intituled, *An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up;

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That the Council do deſire an immediate Conference with this Houſe, upon the ſubject Matter of the Amendments, by the Council propoſed, and diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation and training of the Militia*; and that they have appointed Three of their Members, to meet ſuch Members, as ſhall be appointed by this Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe doth agree to the ſaid Conference.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Lomax*, Mr *Carter* 21
Burwell, and Mr *Dudley Digges*, be appointed to manage the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, That this Houſe have agreed to the ſaid Conference, and have appointed ſix of their Members, to meet the Members appointed by the Council.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That the Members appointed by the Council, are now ready to meet thoſe appointed by this Houſe, in the Conference Chamber.

And the Managers for the Houſe withdrew.

Mr *Charles Carter* from the ſaid Conference, reported, That they had met the Managers appointed by the Council in the Conference Chamber, who had delivered to them the Reaſons of the Council, in Support of the Amendments, by them propoſed, and diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation and training of the Militia*; and had alſo delivered the ſaid Bill to them: And he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read.

Ordered, That the Managers appointed by this Houſe, do draw up Reaſons in Anſwer to the Reaſons of the Council, in Support of the Amendments, by them propoſed, to the ſaid Bill.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, an Act for amending an Act, intituled, *An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, without any Amendment.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Friday, Auguſt 22d, 1755.

MR. *Charles Carter* reported, That the Managers appointed by the Houſe, had according to order prepared and drawn up Reaſons in Anſwer to thoſe of the Council, in Support of the Amendments by them propoſed and diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation and training of the Militia*, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered,

Ordered, That an immediate Conference be defired with the Council, upon the fubject Matter of the laft Conference.

Ordered, That the Perfons appointed Managers in the former Conference, be appointed Managers in this.

Ordered, That a Meffage be fent to the Council to acquaint them, That this Houfe do defire an immediate Conference with them, on the fubject Matter of the laft Conference, and that the Members appointed Managers for the Houfe in the former Conference,
22 are appointed Managers in this, to meet fuch Members as fhall be appointed by the Council; and that Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with the faid Meffage.

Mr *Landon Carter* from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For appointing an Agent* was committed, reported, That the Committee had made feveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houfe, and he read the fame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houfe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroffed, and read a third Time.

A Meffage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That the Council do agree to the Conference defired by this Houfe, upon the fubject Matter of the laft Conference, and have appointed three of their Members Managers, to meet the Members appointed by this Houfe immediately in the Conference Chamber.

Ordered, That the Managers for this Houfe do at the faid Conference, deliver to the Managers for the Council, the Reafons agreed to by this Houfe, in Anfwer to thofe fent by the Council in Support of the Amendments by them propofed, and difagreed to by this Houfe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation and training of the Militia*, and the Managers withdrew accordingly.

A Bill *For prolonging the Time appointed for drawing the public Lottery*, was read a fecond Time.

Ordered, That the faid Bill be ingroffed, and read a third Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Refolved, That the feveral Sums following be paid to the feveral Officers of the General Aflembly, refpectively;

To Mr *John Randolph*, Clerk of the Houfe of Burgeffes,		£. 90
To Mr *Walthoe*, Clerk of the General Aflembly,		40
To the Reverend Mr *Stith*, Chaplain,		20
To Mr *Eppes*, Serjeant at Arms,		30
To the Door-keeper of the Council,		6
To *William Francis*,	Door-keepers to the Houfe,	6
To *Thomas Broadrib*,		6
To *Andrew Lindfay*,		6
To *James Lavie*,		6
To Mr *John Palmer*, for his Service,		10

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do carry the faid Refolve to the Council, for their Concurrence.

An ingroffed Bill intituled, *An Act for prolonging the Time appointed for drawing the public Lottery*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the faid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

23 *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to examine the inrolled Bills of the following Perfons, *viz.* Mr *Bland*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Johnfon*, Mr Attorney, and Mr *Henry Robinfon*.

A Meffage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Refolve for paying the feveral Officers of the General Aflembly, the refpective Sums of Money therein mentioned.

And

And that they have receded from the Amendments by them propoſed, and diſagreed to by this Houſe to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation and training of the Militia.*

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing an Agent*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up; and the queſtion being put, that the Bill do paſs,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the Bill be rejected.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for prolonging the Time appointed for drawing the public Lottery*, without any Amendment.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That the Council have ſigned the Addreſs to His Majeſty, and ſent it back to be ſigned by the Speaker of this Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd 'til To-morrow Morning Nine o'Clock.

Saturday, Auguſt 23d, 1755.

MR. *Pendleton* reported, That the Committee appointed had according to Order, examined the inrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly inrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry the inrolled Bills to the Council, for their Inſpection.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have inſpected the inrolled Bills, and are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr Speaker,

"The Govenor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

1. *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Forty Thouſand Pound, for the Protection of His Majeſty's Subjects on the Frontiers of this Colony.*

2. *An Act for the better Regulation and training of the Militia.*

3. *An Act for amending an Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections.*

4. *An Act for preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the* Indians, *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony.* 24

5. *An Act to recover His Majeſty's Quit-Rents, collected by the Sheriffs, in a ſummary Way.*

6. *An Act to regulate the Price of Indian Corn, in the preſent Scarcity.*

7. *An Act for prolonging the Time appointed for drawing the public Lottery.*

8. *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

His Honor likewiſe gave his Aſſent to the following Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, which the Council had agreed to, *viz.*

For allowing *William Hunter* Printer, the Sum of £. 300 *per Annum*, from the End of this preſent Seſſion. to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes, and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

For allowing Mrs *Rebecca Polſon*, Widow of Captain *Polſon*, who was killed in the late Engagement on the *Monongehela*, the Sum of £. 26 *per Annum*, during her Widowhood.

And for paying the ſeveral Sums following to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, *viz.*

To

To Mr *John Randolph*, Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,..... £. 90
To Mr *Walthoe*, Clerk of the General Aſſembly,..... 40
To the Reverend Mr *Stith*, Chaplain,..... 20
To Mr *Eppes*, Serjeant at Arms,..... 30
To the Door-keeper of the Council,..... 6
To *William Francis*, } Door-keepers to the Houſe, 6
To *Thomas Broadrib*, } 6
To *Andrew Lindſay*, } 6
To *James Lavie*, } 6
To Mr *John Palmer*, for his Service,..... 10

And then his Honor was pleaſed to make the following SPEECH.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

IT was with great Satisfaction that I obſerved your Unanimity in granting Supplies at this Time, for ſupporting this juſt and neceſſary Expedition, in order to defeat the inhuman Deſigns of our inveterate Enemies; for which, I deſire to return you my ſincere Thanks.

It gives me a ſenſible Pleaſure, to hear of the martial Spirit diffuſed among all Ranks of People in this Dominion: I entreat, Gentlemen, when you go to the different Counties, that you will encourage this Spirit amongſt them; that they may be raiſed to a juſt Reſentment of the injurious and cruel Murders committed amongſt our Fellow-Subjects; and that you will endeavor to have them properly accoutred with Arms and Ammunition; and that they may continue with fixed Reſolution, till we drive the unjuſt Invaders, and their barbarous Adherents from our Borders, that with the Bleſſing of God we may have Peace and Tranquility reſtored.

I wish you an agreeable receſs, and I think proper to prorogue you to the Third *Thurſday* in *October* next, and you are accordingly prorogued to that Time.

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Monday, October 27th, 1755.

A MESSAGE from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of your Houſe in the Council-Chamber:"

Accordingly Mr Speaker, with the Houſe went up to attend the Governor; And being returned, reported, That he with the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the Houſe, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows,

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I SHOULD gladly have ſpared you the Trouble of meeting at this Seaſon, after ſo many Fatigues in your Country's Service, and ſo ſhort a Receſs, but the Urgency of our Affairs, made a Seſſion unavoidable.

The great Terror of our back Inhabitants, ariſing, partly from the horrid Barbarities of our brutal Enemies, and partly from the Miſbehaviour of many among our own People, has almoſt made the Frontier Setlements deſolate, and will probably extend the evil very faſt, unleſs timely prevented by your Interpoſition.

2 *Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

Laſt Aſſembly you were pleaſed to vote Forty Thouſand Pounds for the Protection of our Country, and conducting the neceſſary Expedition; in Conſequence thereof, I have granted Commiſſions, and ordered the raiſing a Thouſand Men, to be incorporated into a Regiment under the Command of Colonel *George Waſhington*: You then enacted two Acts, the one a Militia Law, the other againſt Invaſions, *&c.* but theſe Laws are very deficient for conducting the Forces in the Pay of the Country, in a proper Manner. I therefore recommend to you, to put the Forces now raiſed, under the Military Law, as the Troops in His Majeſty's immediate Pay are ſubjected to: Without this, the money you have voted, and the Intention propoſed, by raiſing theſe Forces, will prove abortive, unleſs the commanding Officer be enabled to keep them under ſtrict Diſcipline, and in a proper Submiſſion to their Officers; I therefore intreat that you will form ſuch a Law as will anſwer the Deſign of raiſing the Forces.

I think it neceſſary to acquaint you, that repeated Complaints have been made me, of the great Obſtructions given to the Service, by many of the Magiſtrates and other civil Officers, ſome of whom have even given Protection to thoſe who have ſhamefully deſerted with their Arms and Cloathing; and others, with an unparalled and moſt criminal Undutifulneſs to their Country, have diſcouraged, and prevented the enliſting Men, tho' to protect themſelves: I therefore recommend to you to make an Act that may effectually deter ſuch unworthy and corrupt Members of the Society, from doing further Injury to the public Welfare, and may encourage the detecting and taking up of Deſerters; without ſuch a law I conceive, the Money voted, and my Endeavours in raiſing Men, will prove ineffectual.

Gentlemen,

I alſo obſerved the Reward given by the Act "For preventing and repelling the "hoſtile Incurſions of *Indians* at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony, and giving an "Encouragement of Ten Pounds for the Scalps of *Indian* Enemies," is confined to our own People; I am of Opinion if this Act was enlarged and extended, by giving our friendly *Indians* ſome proper Encouragement to ſcalp our Enemies, it would be of great Service, for if you pleaſe to obſerve, our Enemies, the *French*, give an Encouragement to their *Indians* for ſcalping our Fellow-Subjects, I therefore deſire you will take this into your mature Conſideration.

Gentlemen,

I am alſo to acquaint you, That I have received a Letter from General *Shirley*, dated the Ninth Day of *September* laſt; in which he propoſes a Meeting of Commiſſioners from all the Colonies, as far to the *Southward* as this Colony, to meet at *New York* next Month, to conſult on the moſt proper Meaſures to be taken for the General Intereſt of the Common Cauſe, next Spring. As I conceive this may be attended with eſſential good Service, I therefore moſt heartily recommend the ſame to you; and that you may the better know that Gentleman's View in appointing the above Congreſs, I ſhall cauſe his Letter to me to be laid before you; theſe Commiſſioners, if appointed, may be reſtrained by proper Inſtructions, formed and given them by a Committee of the two Houſes.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, 3

As there are but few Matters recommended to your Conſideration, I hope you will diſpatch them with Expedition, ſo as to make a ſhort Seſſion.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr Speaker,

"The Governor has commanded me to lay before your Houſe, Major General *Shirley*'s Letter to his Honor of the 9th of *September* laſt, mentioned in his Speech, and the ſame was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letter do lie on the Table.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, to return his Honor the Thanks of this Houſe for his kind Speech, and to aſſure him that we will readily purſue every Meaſure which ſhall be conducive to the public Welfare, and give all poſſible Diſpatch to the Buſineſs of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the Governor, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and it is referred to Mr Attorney and Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Governor's Speech, into Conſideration, To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr *Richard Graham* be appointed Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at Nine o'Clock.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Door-Keepers be continued in their reſpective Offices, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Tueſday,

Tueſday, October 28th, 1755.

THE Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into their Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech.

Ordered, That Major General *Shirley*'s Letter to his Honor the Governor, Yeſterday laid before the Houſe, and ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take the Governor's Speech into Conſideration, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr Attorney-General reported, That the Committee had had the Governor's Speech under their Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment, as follows,

Reſolved, That the Act, intituled, *An Act for amending An Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, be amended.

Reſolved, That the Act *For preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of* Indians *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, be amended.

Reſolved, That the ſending Commiſſioners at this Time to *New-York*, can anſwer no good Purpoſe, as we have already raiſed as many Men as this Country is able to ſupport.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the two firſt Reſolutions, and it is referred to Mr Attorney, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Martin*, and Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney-General do wait on his Honor the Governor with the laſt Reſolution.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *To enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to diſcharge the Officers Fees in Money, for this preſent Year*; and it is referred to Mr *Bland* and Mr *Riddick*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Lancaſter*, in the Room of Mr *James Ball*, who ſince his Election hath accepted the Office of Sheriff of the ſaid County.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Southampton*, in the Room of Mr *Etheldred Taylor*, deceaſed.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Torrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Wedneſday, October 29th, 1755.

MR. Attorney preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *To amend An Act, intituled, An Act to amend an Act intituled, An Act for making Proviſion, againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

A Bill, to amend An Act, intituled, An Act, to amend An Act, intituled An Act, for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections; was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

And

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr Attorney reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

Mr Attorney reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to, and is as follows,

SIR,

WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, now met in General Aſſembly, return your Honor our ſincere Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion.

As we are again called upon to provide for the Security and Preſervation of our Country, againſt the barbarous Depredations of the *French*, permit us, Sir, to renew our Aſſurances that we will continue to exert ourſelves in the Cauſe of Religion and Liberty, with the ſame Vigor and Reſolution that have always influenced our Conduct, and will purſue the moſt effectual Meaſures for repelling from our Frontiers, an Enemy whoſe Ambition nothing can ſatisfy, and who have always deſpiſed the Obligations of the moſt ſacred Treaties.

Give us Leave further to aſſure your Honor that we will proceed in our Conſultations with all poſſible Diſpatch.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame, wait on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure when this Houſe ſhall attend his Honor to preſent it.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *To enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to diſcharge the Officers Fees in Money for this preſent Year*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

A Bill, *To enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to diſcharge the Officers Fees in Money for this preſent Year*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr Attorney reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Princeſs-Anne*, in the Room of Mr *Edward Hacke Moſely*, who ſince his Election hath accepted the Office of Surveyor and Searcher of *Elizabeth* and *Nanſemond* Rivers, and that Mr *Waller* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs he made to the Governor to order a new Writ to iſſue for the Electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Norfolk*, in the Room of Mr *Robert Tucker*, who ſince his Election hath accepted of the Office of Sheriff of the ſaid County, and that Mr *Waller* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Thurſday,

Thurſday, October 30th, 1755.

MR. Attorney reported that the Committee appointed had, according to order, waited on his Honor the Governor, to know his Pleaſure when this Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to appoint this Day and to ſay, that he would ſignify by a Meſſage when he was ready to receive it.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr Speaker,

"I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, that his Honor is now ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council-Chamber."

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up, and being returned, reported, that he with the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and had preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him;

To which his Honor was pleaſed to return the following ANSWER;

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I Heartily thank you for this your Addreſs.

What I recommended to you in my ſpeech, was moſt ſeriouſly conſidered and I am convinced, abſolutely neceſſary for the conducting our Forces, and the Preſervation and Defence of our Country, from the cruel Inſults of our barbarous Enemies.

I am perſuaded, if you think as I do, you will, with Chearfulneſs and Diſpatch, provide proper Laws for the Defence of our religious and civil Rights.

The Order of the Day being read.

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration The Bill, *To amend an Act, intituled an Act, for amending an Act, intituled an Act, for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr Attorney reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, as amended, be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For diſcontinuing ſome of the public Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco*, and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Carter Burwell*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of *George Ker*, Merchant, ſetting forth, that in *September* laſt, the public Warehouſes on the lower Side of *Coan* River, in *Northumberland* County, in which the Petitioner had 30 Hogſheads of Tobacco were accidentally deſtroyed by Fire; that ſome Time in this preſent Month, the public Warehouſes at *Pitt*'s Landing, on *Pocomoke*, in the County of *Accomack*, in which the Petitioner had 14 Hogſheads of Tobacco, were alſo burnt down, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr Attorney preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill, *To amend an Act, intituled An Act, for preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the* Indians, *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration, the Bill, *To enable the Inhabitants of this Colony, to pay their Tobacco Debts*

in

in Money, for this preſent Year, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr Attorney reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, as amended, be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For diſcontinuing ſome of the public Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Friday, October 31ſt, 1755.

AN ingroſſed Bill intituled, *An Act, to amend An Act, intituled an Act, for amending an Act, intituled an Act, for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence. 8

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act, to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to diſcharge their Tobacco Debts in Money, for this preſent Year*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill, *to amend An Act, intituled an Act, for preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the* Indians, *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe, immediately.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr Attorney reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Bill, *For diſcontinuing ſome of the public Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe, immediately.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr Attorney reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Petition of *Thomas Walker*, One of the Commiſſaries of Proviſions and Stores, for the *Virginia* Regiment, ſetting forth, That he entered into the Service of his Country, with no other View but the Service thereof, as the Smallneſs of the Reward propoſed is not ſufficient to make Satisfaction for the many Loſſes and Expences he has ſuſtained and been at, in lying out of a very conſiderable Sum of Money, great Part of which is due on open Accounts, and many of his Debtors removed, ſome dead, and others ruined, beſides the Loſs of Horſes, Cloaths, *&c.* and the Expence of ſupporting Perſons who had Buſineſs at Fort *Cumberland* during the Petitioners Stay there. That the Petitioners

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Loſs and Expences in the Service amounts to £. 170 1 ſ. and praying that this Houſe will order the ſaid Sum to be paid him, as he has executed his Office faithfully, and undergone many Hardſhips without the Hopes of any extraordinary Reward, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Martin*, Mr *Johnſon*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *John Page*, Mr *Waller*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Power*, and Mr *Norton*: That they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

9 A Petition of *Charles Dick*, Merchant, on Behalf of himſelf and Company, ſetting forth, That the Petitioners have been at a very great Expence in building Houſes, buying Veſſels, and other incident Charges, for making Pot and Pearl Aſh in *Frederickſburg*, which if duly encouraged, would prove advantageous to the Country. That the Petitioners have experienced that Tobacco Aſhes may be manufactured with leſs Charge than Wood, which is almoſt the only other Article this Country affords for that Purpoſe, if they could procure a ſufficient Quantity. That to make the Collection of them at the different Inſpections of this Country on eaſy Terms, the Petitioners would undertake to build Houſes at each Inſpection with a Pipe, to conſume the condemned Tobacco in the ſame Manner as it is conſumed at the Cuſtom-Houſes in *Great Britain*; by which all Riſque and Danger of burning the public Warehouſes by the careleſs Method generally practiced would be prevented, if the Petitioners were enabled by this Houſe ſo to do, and to employ a proper Perſon for that Purpoſe. And praying, That as their Undertaking is of general Benefit to the Colony, they may be permitted ſo to do, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Saturday, November 1ſt, 1755.

A Member returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

A Petition of the Chief Men of the *Nottoway Indians*, ſetting forth, That they are poſſeſſed of about 15000 Acres of Land, which is more than they are able to cultivate, and praying, that an Act may paſs to enable them to ſell all that Part of the ſaid Land that lies to the Weſtward of the *Bridge Branch*, and *Thomas*'s *Branch* to their Weſtward Boundary, to pay their Debts and Support their Families, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Gray* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For diſcontinuing ſome of the public Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame,
10 and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read,

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The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon the Bill, *To amend an Act, intituled an Act, for preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the* Indians *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, as amended, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Petition of *Thomas Penman*, Keeper of the public Goal, ſetting forth, That this Houſe did at the laſt Seſſion of this Aſſembly, continue the Method of paying his Salary and Allowance for maintaining the Priſoners from that Seſſion to the next, and praying that the ſame may be ſtill continued, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the Additional Sum of 15 £. be paid to the ſaid *Thomas Penman* every Year, over and above his uſual Salary of 25 £.

Reſolved, That Ten Pounds of Tobacco *per* Day, be allowed to the ſaid *Thomas Penman* for every Criminal committed to the ſaid Goal, during ſuch Criminals Impriſonment, from this Time to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That there be a call of the Houſe on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Ten oClock.

Monday, November 3d, 1755.

MR. *Gray* preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill, *To enable the* Nottoway Indians *to ſell certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed Bill intituled, *An Act for ſettling the Rents of the public Warehouſes and Inſpectors Salaries for this preſent Year*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act, to amend an Act, intituled An Act, for preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the* Indians *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs. 11

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act, to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to diſcharge their Tobacco Debts in Money for this preſent Year*, without any Amendment.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act, to amend an Act, intituled An Act, for amending an Act, intituled An Act, for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments, and the ſame being read, were diſagreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them that this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, and deſire that they will paſs the Bill without the ſaid Amendments.

Upon a Motion made,

A Bill, *To enable the* Nottoway Indians *to ſell certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

A Petition of *William Hunter*, Printer, praying, That his Salary as Printer to this Houſe, which will expire at the End of his Seſſion of Aſſembly, may be continued, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the Sum of 300 £. *per Annum* be allowed to *William Hunter*, Printer, from the End of the preſent Seſſion to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr *Wythe* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for ſettling the Rents of the public Warehouſes and Inſpectors Salaries for this preſent Year*.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act, to amend an Act, intituled An Act for preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the* Indians, *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, without any Amendments.

And that they have receded from One and inſiſt on the other Amendments by them propoſed, and diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act, to amend an Act, intituled An Act for amending an Act intituled An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, and deſire this Houſe will recede from their ſaid Diſagreements.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments inſiſted on by the Council to the ſaid Bill, and the ſame being read, the Houſe receded from their Diſagreement to ſome, and inſiſted on their Diſagreement to the reſt of the ſaid Amendments.

12 *Ordered*, That Mr Attorney do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and inform them thereof.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as were referred from the laſt to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and alſo all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as ſhall be certified to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, be referred to the Conſideration of the next ſeſſion of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have receded from the Amendments by them propoſed, and diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act, for amending an Act intituled An Act, for amending an Act intituled An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Petition of *George Ker*, Merchant, preſented to the Houſe, and ordered to lie on the Table on *Thurſday* laſt, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages out of the Treaſury for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and it is referred to Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For the better collecting the Land and Poll-Tax*, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Tueſday,

Tueſday, November 4th, 1755.

UPON a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms do go with the Mace into the General Court and the other Apartments of the Capitol, and ſummon the Members of the Houſe to attend their Duty, which was done accordingly.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For ſupplying the Deficiencies of the ſeveral Funds for the Protection of this Colony againſt the Encroachments and Depredations of the* French *and* Indians, *and for advancing and ſecuring the public Credit*, and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Lomax*, Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Ruffin*, Mr *Power*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Fitzhugh* and Mr Attorney to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Martin* reported, That the Perſons appointed had, according to Order, examined into the Allegations of the Petition of *Thomas Walker*, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again read, 13
and is as follows,

Reſolved, That it appears to us, that the ſaid *Thomas Walker* loſt at the late Engagement on the *Monongahela*, Two Horſes, a Saddle and Furniture, and ſundry wearing Apparel, to the Value of £. 63 15 *ſ.* which we are humbly of Opinion he ought to be paid for by the Public: But whether he ought to be paid for ſundry Articles mentioned in the Account, annexed to this Report, expended by him at Fort *Cumberland*; we humbly ſubmit to the Conſideration of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the former Part of the ſaid Report, and the ſame being again read,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Sum of £. 63 15 *ſ.* be allowed to the ſaid *Thomas Walker*, purſuant to the ſaid Report.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed by an Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of £. 40,000 for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects in the Frontiers of this Colony*, That they make an Allowance to the ſaid *Thomas Walker*, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

Then the Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the ſaid *Thomas Walker*'s Account, annexed to the ſaid Report, and mentioned in the latter Part thereof, and the ſame being read,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Account be rejected.

Mr *Charles Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For the better collecting the Land and Poll-Tax*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages out of the Treaſury, for this Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Wedneſday, November 5th, 1755.

A Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages out of the Treaſury, for this Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Bill, *For the better collecting the Land and Poll Tax*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That

That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

M^r *Lomax* preſented to the Houſe according to Order a Bill, *For ſupplying the Deficiencies of the ſeveral Funds, for the Protection of this Colony, againſt the Encroachments and Depredations of the* French *and* Indians, *and for advancing and ſecuring the public Credit*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Thurſday, November 6th, 1755.

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A Bill, *For ſupplying the Deficiencies of the ſeveral Funds, for the Protection of this Colony, againſt the Encroachments and Depredations of the* French *and* Indians, *and for advancing and ſecuring the public Credit*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, *For the better collecting the Land and Poll Tax*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendment as amended, be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Friday, November 7th, 1755.

Ordered,

THAT M^r *Thomas Harriſon*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

A Meſſage from the Council, by M^r *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Reſolve of this Houſe, for allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, the Sum of £. 300 *per Annum*, from the End of the preſent Seſſion to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations and other Acts of Government, and all other public Services.

An ingroſſed Bill intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages out of the Treaſury, for this Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That *Mr Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence. 15

An ingroſſed Bill intituled, *An Act for the better collecting the Land and Poll Tax*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Petition of *W. Lewin*, ſetting forth, That he was employed as a Waggoner, in the late Expedition to the *Ohio*, where he had the Misfortune to be wounded in his Arm, and is thereby rendered incapable of maintaining himſelf, and praying the Relief of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That the Sum of £. 8 be allowed to the ſaid *W. Lewin*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed by an Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of £. 40,000, for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects, in the Frontiers of this Colony*, that they make an Allowance to the ſaid *W. Lewin*, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, *For ſupplying the Deficiencies of the ſeveral Funds, for the Protection of this Colony againſt the Encroachments and Depredations of the* French *and* Indians, *and for advancing and ſecuring the public Credit*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments, as amended, be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Saturday, November 8th, 1755.

AN ingroſſed Bill intituled, *An Act for ſupplying the Deficiencies of the ſeveral Funds, for the Protection of this Colony, againſt the Encroachments and Depredations of the* French *and* Indians, *and for advancing and ſecuring the public Credit*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Lomax* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Petition of *Lewis Burwell* and *Nathaniel Burwell*, Executors of *Armiſtead Burwell*, deceaſed, ſetting forth, that this Houſe was pleaſed by an Act paſſed at a former Seſſion of this Aſſembly, to grant the Sum of £. 200 Current Money, for the Purchaſe of an Organ, to be placed in the Church in the City of *Williamſburg*: That by the ſaid Act a Committee was appointed to ſend for the ſame, who agreed with *Armiſtead Burwell*, (the Petitioners Teſtator) for that Purpoſe, and who received the ſaid £. 200 out of the Treaſury, and that it being apprehended that the Sum granted by the Aſſembly, would not be ſufficient to purchaſe the ſaid *Organ*; a Subſcription was ſet on Foot, and the Sum of £. 100 7 *ſ.* 6 *d.* was ſubſcribed, £. 40 of which was paid to the ſaid *Armiſtead Burwell*, in his Life-time, and the reſt of the Subſcribers are willing to pay the Remainder, for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, or towards employing an *Organiſt*. That as the ſaid *Armiſtead Burwell*, acted as Truſtee for the Public, and the Charge of the ſaid *Organ*, hath unexpectedly, exceeded the Sums given, as aforeſaid, the Petitioners humbly hope this Houſe will not ſuffer ſo great a Loſs to fall on his Family, and praying that this Houſe will order his

his Eſtate to be reimburſed, the over plus Expence of the ſaid *Organ*, was preſented to the Houſe and received, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That the Sum of £. 120 7 *ſ.* 8 *d.* be paid to *Lewis Burwell* and *Nathaniel Burwell*, Executors of *Armiſtead Burwell* deceaſed, by the Treaſurer, out of the public Money in his Hands, to reimburſe the ſaid *Armiſtead Burwell*'s Eſtate, for the Charge of
16 an *Organ*, purchaſed by him for the Church in the City of *Williamſburg*, in Purſuance of an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed at a former Seſſion, over and above what he received for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr *Carter Burwell* do carry it to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages out of the Treaſury, for this Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

Alſo to the Bill intituled, *An Act for the better collecting the Land and Poll Tax*, without any Amendments.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the inrolled Bills, of the following Perſons, *viz.* Mr *Pendleton* and Mr *Henry Robinſon*.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Sums following be paid to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, reſpectively,

To Mr *John Randolph*, Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,		£. 75
To Mr *Nathaniel Walthoe*, Clerk of the General Aſſembly,		30
To the Reverend Mr *Richard Graham*, Chaplain,		15
To Mr *Francis Eppes*, Serjeant at Arms,		20
To the Door-keeper of the Council,		5
To *William Francis*,	Door-keepers to the Houſe,	5
To *Thomas Broadrib*,		5
To *Andrew Lindſay*,		5
To *James Lavie*,		5
To Mr *John Palmer*, for his Services,		10

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr *Waller* do carry it to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have agreed to the Reſolve for paying the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, the reſpective Sums of Money therein mentioned.

Alſo to the Reſolve for paying to *Lewis Burwell* and *Nathaniel Burwell*, Executors of *Armiſtead Burwell* deceaſed, the Sum of £. 120 7 *ſ.* 8 *d.* for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Mr *Pendleton* reported, That the Committee appointed had according to Order, examined the inrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly inrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry the inrolled Bills to the Council, for their Inſpection.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*;

That they have inſpected the inrolled Bills, and are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr Speaker,

"The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council "Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills, as are ready for his Aſſent."

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

I. An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for amending an Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections.

II. An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act for preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the Indians, *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony.*

III.

III. An Act for the better collecting the Land and Poll Tax.

IV. An Act for ſettling the Rents of the public Warehouſes, and Inſpectors Salaries, for this preſent Year.

V. An Act to enable the Inhabitants of this Colony to diſcharge their Tobacco Debts in Money, for this preſent Year.

VI. An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages out of the Treaſury, for this Seſſion of Aſſembly.

His Honor likewiſe gave his Aſſent to the following Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, which the Council, had agreed to, *viz.*

For allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, the Sum of £. 300 *per Annum*, from the End of this preſent Seſſion, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, for his Salary, as a full Recompence for printing and delivering Inſpectors Notes and Books, printing Proclamations, and other Acts of Governments, and all other public Services.

For paying the Sum of £. 120 7 *ſ.* 8 *d.* to the Executors of *Armiſtead Burwell* deceaſed, out of the Treaſury, to reimburſe his Eſtate for the Charge of an *Organ*, purchaſed by him for the Church in the City of *Williamſburg*, in Purſuance of an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed at a former Seſſion, over and above what he received for that Purpoſe.

And for paying the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, the reſpective Sums of Money therein mentioned.

And then his Honor was pleaſed to diſſolve the ASSEMBLY.

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Thurſday, March 25th, 1755.

EIGHTY Five Members, having taking the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt; took their Places in the Houſe.

William Drummond, Serjeant at Arms to the Houſe, having qualified himſelf, by taking the neceſſary Oaths, and ſubſcribing the Teſt; was admitted to his Office.

A Meſſage from the Governor, was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*,

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"The Governor commands your immediate Attendance in the Council Chamber."

The Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to ſay to them:

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"You muſt return again to your Houſe, and immediately proceed to the Choice of a Speaker."

Being returned, Mr *Landon Carter*, put the Houſe in Mind of the Governor's Commands, to proceed to the Choice of a Speaker, and did nominate and recommend *John Robinſon*, Eſq; who was Speaker of the late Aſſembly, a Gentleman who had given undeniable Proofs of his Abilities, Integrity, and Fitneſs to execute that important Truſt: And he was accordingly unanimouſly elected Speaker, and conducted to the Chair by two Members, from whence he made a Speech expreſſing the juſt Senſe he had of the Obligations they had laid him under, and returned them his Thanks for the Honor they had conferred on him.

2 *Ordered*, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Governor, to acquaint him that this Houſe, in Obedience to his Commands, had made Choice of a Speaker, and to know his Pleaſure when they ſhall attend to preſent him, and that Mr *Landon Carter*, do wait on him with the ſaid Meſſage.

He accordingly withdrew, and being returned, reported, That the Governor was pleaſed to ſay he would ſignify his Pleaſure in that Matter by a Meſſenger.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*,

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"It is the Governor's Pleaſure that your Houſe immediately attend him in the Council-Chamber, and preſent your Speaker."

And

And accordingly the Houſe went up with their Speaker-Elect, and the Governor was pleaſed to expreſs his particular Approbation of their Choice. Mr Speaker, then, in Behalf of the Houſe, petitioned the Governor, That they might enjoy their ancient Rights and Privileges, ſuch as Freedom of Speech, and Debate, Exemptions from Arreſts, and Protections for their Eſtates, and laſtly for himſelf, that no Miſtakes of his might be imputed to the Houſe.

To which the Governor anſwered, "That he ſhould take Care to defend them in all their juſt Rights and Privileges."

Being returned, Mr Speaker reported, That the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and preſented their Speaker, that he was pleaſed to approve their Choice, and then made a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy, which he read, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

THE Urgency of our preſent Situation, well known to you all, and the very near Approach of that Seaſon which preſſes on you the exerting every Effort for your own, and the common Safety and Welfare of all your Fellow-Subjects on this Continent, determined me to have the Satisfaction of meeting an Aſſembly, from whom I have the higheſt Expectations, ſo ſoon as I could, with ſome Degree of that Eaſe, which I always wiſh to indulge them in, whoſe Duty leads them, when called upon, to ſo laborious an Aſſiduity in the Public Service.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

With great Pleaſure I meet this new Aſſembly, both from the Readineſs I have ever experienced in the Council, to aſſiſt me on all Occaſions, when His Majeſty's Service, and the Affairs of this Dominion, required their Advice; and from the Confidence wherewith I depend that You, Gentlemen, will be no leſs induſtriouſly animated in your Country's Cauſe, now drawing to an important Criſis.

General *Shirley*, by Inſtructions from his Majeſty, some Time agon, held a Council of War, at *New York*, to regulate this Summer's Campaign; as a Baſis for your Deliberations, I ſhall cauſe the Minutes of that Council of War to be laid before you, with ſeveral other Papers relating thereto: And in Conſequence thereof I recommend Secrecy in 3
your Conſultations on them, leaſt the neceſſary Confidence ſhould become deſtructive, by letting our watchful, and moſt inveterate Enemies into the Knowledge of our Purpoſes.

Theſe Communications will inform you, Gentlemen, of the vigorous Reſolutions for the common Good, that the Colonies to the *Northward*, have generouſly and unanimouſly taken, and their Determination to raiſe their full Quota of Men and Money on this critical Juncture. I ſurely truſt there can be no need of prolix Exhortations to you to become emulous of an Example which at once includes every cogent Conſideration of Zeal, and Duty to the beſt of Kings, your native Country, and your individual Preſervation.

You may obſerve how intimately the Execution of theſe well concerted Meaſures, is connected with your Concurrence, and readily furniſhing the Supplies of Men and Money requiſite on your Part; and when you conſider that the Operations of this Summer, if duly ſupported, may be deciſive (or in a great Meaſure ſo) of the future Safety and Tranquility of this, and all the *Britiſh* Colonies on this Continent, this I conceive to be the general Opinion.

I promiſe myſelf you will not heſitate one Moment to ſuſtain, and encreaſe the Honor that this Colony has already gained in the preſent Affair, and to approve yourſelves deſerving of that large Share of His Majeſty's paternal Care and Affection which has ſheltered and cheriſhed us in all our Occaſions, by ſufficiently making an immediate effectual Proviſion of Men and Money for the Expedition againſt the *French* Encroach-

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ments at *Crown-Point*, and on the *Northern-Lakes.*————As alſo that under the Direction of Governor *Sharpe*, to the *Ohio*, and for the Protection of our Frontiers. Your Supplies, Gentlemen, muſt be with all imaginable Diſpatch, as the Time for taking the Field is very near.

The Monies diſburſed from the laſt Vote of Aſſembly will be laid before you by the Treaſurer and Committee, when you ſee proper to call for the Account.

I recommend to you the Arming of the Militia, and to have their Arms of one Bore, which are not ſo at preſent; if they ſhould be called out on any Attack of the Enemy, great Inconveniences may occur by having Guns of different Bores.

After you have ſeriouſly conſidered and determined on the above Affairs recommended to you, I deſire to engage your Attention and Regard to a Number of People, upwards of Eleven Hundred, who have lately been ſent here from *Nova-Scotia*, under the name of *French* Neutrals: Governor *Lawrence* acquaints me, that His Majeſty's Council, aſſiſted by Admirals *Boſcawen* and *Moſtyn*, adviſed him, as the moſt for His Majeſty's Service, to divide theſe People among theſe different Colonies; I ſhall cauſe to be laid before you Governor *Lawrence*'s Letter, and the different Receipts for theſe People when landed.

By Advice of His Majeſty's Council they were received, and have been ſupported until this Time, from the Two Shillings *per* Hogſhead Revenue; but, as that Fund is near exhauſted, I muſt recommend it to you to provide for the future Diſpoſition of theſe People, and to put them under ſuch Regulations and Reſtrictions as may keep them in a due Submiſſion to our Conſtitution, and from being burthenſome to the different Pariſhes, and probably they may become uſeful Members of this Community.

Gentlemen, I recommend the Reviſal of the Laws, that if any are near expiring they may be renewed, if thought proper.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

Concord and Unanimity are the vital Springs of public Conſultations, and from theſe the happieſt Omens of attendant Succeſs are to be drawn. I do, therefore, with all the earneſtness of an Heart devoted to the Service of our moſt Excellent Sovereign, and the conſummate Felicity of his ancient Colony and Dominion, particularly recommend theſe great Eſſentials to you, and entreat you to juſtify the Preſages of an happy Seſſion, which I draw from the agreeable Appearance now before me.

Be aſſured, Gentlemen, that my fixed Attention ſhall never deviate from theſe Objects, and that, as I have hitherto done all in my Power, for the Good of this Country, I ſhall chearfully and with the greateſt Pleaſure join you in every Thing that may be for the Service of His Majeſty, and this Dominion in particular, and of all the *Britiſh* Colonies in general.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to the Governor, to return his Honor the Thanks of this Houſe for his Speech, to aſſure him we will take the ſeveral important Matters recommended to us, under our ſerious Conſideration, and that we will with all poſible Unanimity give the neceſſary Diſpatch to the Buſineſs of this Seſſion.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up the ſaid Addreſs, and it is referred to Mr *Bland* and Mr *Landon Carter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Governor's Speech into Conſideration To-morrow.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr *Speaker*,

"The Governor has commanded me to lay before your Houſe General *Shirley*'s "Letter, with a report of the Committee of the Aſſembly, at *Boſton*; the Minutes of "the Council of War, held at *New-York*, *October* 12th, 1755: The Proportions of the "10,000 Men, propoſed to be raiſed for the *Crown-Point* Expedition; a Letter from "*Governor Hardy*, and a Reſolve of the Aſſembly of *New York*."

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers do lie on the Table.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Reverend Mr *William Yates*, be appointed Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at Ten o'Clock.

Ordered, That *William Francis*, *Thomas Broadrib*, *Andrew Linſay*, and *James Lavie*, be appointed Door-Keepers to this Houſe, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, March 26th, 1756.

SEVERAL new Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

Francis Eppes, Gentleman, appointed Serjeant at Arms to the Houſe, in the Room of *William Drummond*, who hath declined that Office, having qualified himſelf by taking the neceſſary Oaths, and ſubſcribing the Teſt, was admitted to his Office.

Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read and agreed to, and is as follows.

WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, beg Leave to return your Honor our Thanks for your Speech, to the Council and this Houſe, and to aſſure you that we ſhall endeavor to imitate and purſue that Plan of Unanimity and Diligence, which has been undeniably conſpicuous in the preceeding Aſſemblies, held during your Adminiſtration here, in taking under our ſerious Conſideration the ſeveral important Matters recommended to us by your Honor.

And we flatter ourſelves that the many Teſtimonies given by this Colony of their ſincere Attachment to His moſt Sacred Majeſty, do ſufficiently evince the World, that nothing really in our Power will be wanting to promote His Honor, and the true Intereſt of this Dominion.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame do wait on the Governor to know his Pleaſure, when the Houſe ſhall attend his Honor to preſent it.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr Attorney,

Mr *Charles Carter*,
Mr *Benjamin Waller*,
Mr *Bland*,
Mr *Power*,
Mr *Johnſon*,
Mr *Hedgman*,
Mr *Chriſtopher Robinſon*,
Mr *Landon Carter*,
Mr *Pendleton*,
Mr *Martin*,
Mr *Chiſwell*,
Mr *Lemuel Riddick*,
Mr *Randolph*,
Mr *Page*,
Mr *William Digges*,
Mr *Dudley Digges*,
Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Junior,
Mr *Robert Carter Nicholas*, and
Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to examine in the first Place all Returns of Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and compare the ſame with the Form preſcribed by Law, and to take into their Conſideration

tion all ſuch Matters as ſhall or may come in Queſtion touching Returns, Elections, and Privileges, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe; and the ſaid Committee is to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Reſolved, That Five of the ſaid Committee be a ſufficient Number to make a Committee.

Reſolved, That in all Caſes of controverted Elections, to be heard at the Bar of this Houſe, or before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, the Petitioners do, by themſelves, or by their Agents, within a convenient Time to be appointed, either by the Houſe or the Committee of Privileges and Elections, as the Matter to be heard ſhall be before the Houſe, or the ſaid Committee, deliver to the ſitting Members or their Agents Liſts of the Perſons intended by the Petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the ſitting Members, giving in the ſaid Liſts the ſeveral Heads of Objection, and diſtinguiſhing the ſame againſt the Names of the Voters excepted to; and that the ſitting Members do by themſelves, or their Agents, within the ſame Time deliver the like Liſts, on their Part to the Petitioners or their Agents.

Ordered, That Mr *Palmer* be appointed Clerk to the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine into what Laws have expired ſince the Seſſion of Aſſembly in *May* laſt, and inſpect ſuch temporary Laws as will expire at, or ſoon after the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe; and that the ſaid Committee conſiſt of the following Perſons, *viz.* Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Power*, and Mr *William Waller*.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as were referred from the laſt to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and alſo all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as ſhall be certified to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The ſeveral Petitions of *Henry Hawkes*, *Lawrence Pope*, *Joſeph Jefferſon*, and *James Atherton*, ſetting forth, That they were Soldiers under the Command of General *Braddock*, and that in the late Engagement with the *French*, on *Monongahela*, they were wounded ſo as to become incapable of getting their Livelihood, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to Mr *Benjamin Waller*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Page*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Harwood*, and Mr *Power*, that they do examine into the Alligations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of Mr *John Tabb*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *William Wager*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Elizabeth City*.

7 Alſo a Petition of Mr *Richard Lee*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Auguſtine Waſhington*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the county of *Weſtmoreland*.

Alſo a Petition of Mr *Matthew Marrable*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thomas Naſh*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Lunenburg*, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they do examine into the Allegations of the ſaid Petitions, and report the ſame, as they ſhall appear to them, with their Opinon thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Randolph*, Clerk of this Houſe, have Liberty to appear as Counſel for any ſitting Member, in any Matters of controverted Elections that ſhall happen before the Committee of Privileges and Elections.

A Petition of the Freeholders and Merchants, of the County of *Caroline*, ſetting forth, That by Reaſon of the great Scarcity of Caſh, occaſioned by the Shortneſs of this and the two preceeding Crops, a proper Medium is wanting to ſupport the neceſſary

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Occaſions of Trade; whereby they are rendered unable to ſupport their Families, and pay thoſe Taxes which the Incurſions and Depredations of a bloody and faithleſs Enemy, make ſo neceſſary at this Time; and praying that this Houſe would apply a proper Remedy, whereby the great Inconvenience of the Want of Specie may be prevented, either by erecting a Bank and Loan-Office, or ſuch other Method as this Houſe ſhall think fit, the Charge of which they would ſupport, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to M^r *Pendleton*, M^r *Hedgman*, M^r *Bland*, and M^r *Baylor*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read,

For the Houſe to take into their Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That General *Shirley*'s Letter, with the Report of the Committee of the Aſſembly of *Boſton*, the Minutes of the Council of War held at *New-York*, *October* 12th, 1755, the Proportions of the 10,000 Men propoſed to be raiſed for the *Crown-Point* Expedition, Governor *Hardy*'s Letter, and the Reſolve of the Aſſembly of *New-York*, Yeſterday laid before the Houſe, and ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Speech under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'clock.

Saturday, March 27th, 1756.

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Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That M^r *Richard Lee*, have Liberty to withdraw his Petition, complaining of an undue Election and Return, for the County of *Weſtmoreland*, and that the Committee of Privileges and Elections, be diſcharged from proceeding any farther therein.

M^r *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed, had according to Order, waited on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to appoint *Monday* next, and to ſay he would ſend a Meſſenger to the Houſe, when he was ready to receive it.

A Claim of *John Camp*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Robert Gray*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *James Chapman*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Solomon Pecure*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſame under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech on Monday next.

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Mr *Pendleton* reported, That the Committee appointed, had according to Order, examined what Laws have expired ſince the Seſſion of Aſſembly in *May* laſt, and inſpected ſuch temporary Laws as will expire at, or ſoon after the End of this Seſſion, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follow.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 22d Year of His preſent Maſeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for inſpecting Pork, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine*, which expired in *October* laſt, ought to be revived.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 25th Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Treaſurer*, which will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 28th Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling's-Point *Warehouſe, in the County of* Dinwiddie, as relates to the Duty therein mentioned, which will expire on the 20th Day of *October* next, ought to be further continued.

9 *Reſolved*, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 29th Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for amending an Act*, intituled, *An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, which will expire on the 5th Day of *Auguſt*, 1757. Alſo the Act made the ſame Year, *For amending the ſaid Act*, and which will expire on the 27th Day of *October* next, ought not to be continued.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the 29th Year of His preſent Maſeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the* Indians, *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, which will expire on the 5th Day of *Auguſt*, 1757. Alſo the Act made the ſame Year, *For amending the ſaid Act*, and which will expire on the 27th Day of *October* next, ought to be further continued.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the Firſt, Second, Third, and Fifth Reſolutions, and it is referred to the ſaid Committee to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr Attorney from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow.

Reſolved, That is it the Opinion of this Committee, that the Returns of the ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes, for the Counties of *Accomack*, *Albemarle*, *Cumberland*, *Caroline*, *Dinwiddie*, *Frederick*, *Goochland*, *James-City*, *Iſle of Wight*, *King and Queen*, *Louiſa*, *Middleſex*, *Northumberland*, *Northampton*, *New Kent*, *Norfolk*, *Orange*, *Prince-George*, *Prince-William*, *Richmond*, *Surry*, *Spotſylvania*, *Southampton*, *Suſſex*, *Warwick*, *Weſtmoreland*; the Return of the Writ for electing a Burgeſs for the Borough of *Norfolk*, and the Return of the Writ for electing a Citizen for the City of *Williamſburg*, are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Returns of the Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Amelia*, *Brunſwick*, *Charles-City*, *Cheſterfield*, *Culpeper*, *Eſſex*, *Elizabeth-City*, *Fairfax*, *Gloceſter*, *Hampſhire*, *Hanover*, *Henrico*, *Halifax*, *King-George*, *King-William*, *Lancaſter*, *Lunenburg*, *Nanſemond*, *Prince-Edward*, *Princeſs-Ann*, *Stafford* and *York*; the Return of the Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the College of *William* and *Mary*, and for *James-Town*, are not made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Reſolved, That it appears to this Committee, That the Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Auguſta* and *Bedford*, are not yet returned.

The two firſt Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Returns of the reſpective Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Brunſwick*, *Charles-City*, *Cheſterfield*, *Culpeper*, *Eſſex*, *Elizabeth-City*, *Fairfax*, *Gloceſter*, *Halifax*, *Hampſhire*, *Hanover*, *King-George*, *Lancaſter*, *King-William*, *Nanſemond*, *Lunenburg*, *Prince-Edward*, *Princeſs-Anne*, *York*, and the Returns of the Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the College of *William* and *Mary*, and for *James-Town*, be amended by the Clerk, at the Table.

Ordered, That the reſpective Sheriffs of *Amelia*, *Henrico*, and *Stafford*, be ſent for in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, to amend their Returns. 10

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the third Reſolution be put off till *Monday* next.

Mr Attorney alſo reported, That the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of Mr *John Tabb*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election, and Return of Mr *William Wager*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Elizabeth-City*, and had heard as well the Petitioner, as the ſitting Member, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and are as follow.

Reſolved, That the Perſons who voted at the ſaid Election, where the Freeholds are queſtioned, either by the Petitioner or ſitting Member, be examined upon Oath before *George Wythe*, *Jacob Walker*, *Robert Armiſtead*, *Booth Armiſtead*, and *Charles Jennings*, of the ſame County, Gent. or any three of them, whether they be Freeholders or not, except ſuch of them as did ſwear to their Freeholds at the Election, and that the ſaid Commiſſioners be impowered to take the Depoſitions of all ſuch Witneſſes as ſhall be produced before them relating to the ſitting Member's treating any of the Freeholder's of the ſaid County, after the Writs for electing Burgeſſes for the ſame was iſſued, or concerning any other illegal Practices.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner and ſitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes before the ſaid Perſons, appointed to take ſuch Examinations, as aforeſaid; as to the Freeholds of any Perſon, who voted at the Election, altho' ſuch Perſons ſwore to their Freeholds at ſuch Election, or ſhall ſwear to the ſame at the Examination; and that it be an Inſtruction to the Perſons before whom ſuch Examinations are to be taken, to examine how long ſuch Voters have been in Poſſeſſion of, and paid Quit-Rents for the Lands or Tenements in Right of which they voted at the Election, and that they return the Examinations to this Committee, on *Monday*, the 5th Day of *April* next.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner do in three Days, from this Time, give Notice to the ſitting Member of the Nature of any illegal Proceedings or Practices of the ſitting Member or others, concerning which the Petitioner intends to examine Witneſſes before the ſaid Commiſſioners; and that he do alſo within the ſame Time, deliver to the ſitting Member or his Agents, Liſts of the Perſons intended by him to be objected to, who voted for the ſitting Member, giving in the ſaid Liſts the ſeveral Heads of Objection, and diſtinguiſhing the ſame againſt the Names of the Voters excepted to, and that the ſitting Member do within the ſame Time deliver the like Liſts on his Part, to the Petitioner or his Agents.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be recommitted to the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, March 29th, 1756. 11

TWO new Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

A Claim of Samual *Bouſh*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo

Alſo Three Claims of *Eraſmus-Wethers Allen*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *Francis Wiſdom*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *Lake Anthony*, Junior, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *William Hicks*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *Stephen Pettuce*, Junior, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *Richard Egleſton*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *John Hendrick*, for the ſame Service.
Alſo a Claim of *Philip Williams*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Joſeph Edwards*, for Proviſions found by him, for a Detachment of the Militia of *Fairfax*, and *Prince William* Counties, on their March to the Protection of the Frontiers, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of Mr *Anthony Holladay*, complaining of an undue Election and Return, of Mr *Willis Riddick*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Nanſemond*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of Mr *Henry Peyton*, complaining of an undue Election and Return, of Mr *Henry Lee*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Prince-William*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of the Miniſter, Churchwardens, and Veſtrymen, of the Pariſh of St. *George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, ſetting forth, That the Land purchaſed for a Glebe, is very inconvenient to the ſaid Pariſh, and praying that an Act may paſs to impower the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh to ſell the ſaid Glebe Land, and to purchaſe another Glebe, with the Money ariſing by the Sale thereof.

Alſo a Petition of *William Cunninghame*, ſetting forth, That the Warehouſes for the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Coan*, was in *September* laſt burnt down, and that three Hogſheads of Tobacco belonging to the Petitioner, containing 2836 lbs. Nett Tobacco, were burnt therein, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

12 *Ordered*, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr. *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

"I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, that his Honor is now "ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council Chamber."

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up, and being returned, reported, That he had with the Houſe attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer.

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I *RETURN you my ſincere Thanks for your* ADDRESS.

The Votes of Supplies granted by the former Aſſemblies, for His Majeſty's Service have been graciouſly approved of by Him, and His Miniſtry at Home.

Your Promiſe that nothing ſhall be wanting in your Power for promoting the Service of your King and the Intereſt of this Dominion, is all that can be expected from dutiful and loyal Subjects; in Dependence, thereon, I promiſe myſelf that this Aſſembly will exert themſelves in every Thing that may be neceſſary for the Preſervation of His Majeſty's undoubted Rights, and that of our Liberties and Properties, ſo as to recommend you to the Royal Favor.

Upon a Motion made.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the Reſolution of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported on *Saturday* laſt, and referred to be conſidered this Day, be put off till *Monday* Se'nnight.

Mr Attorney, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of Mr Matthew Marrable, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return, of Mr *Thomas Naſh*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Lunenburg*, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner and ſitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes before *Thomas Bedford*, *William Caldwell*, *John Jennings*, and *Richard Witton*, of the ſaid County, Gentlemen, or any three of them, touching any Treats, or Entertainments, given by the ſitting Member, or his Agents, to the Freeholders of the ſaid County, after the Writ for electing Burgeſſes for the ſaid County was iſſued, and that they return the Depoſitions to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner do give the ſitting Member, or his Agents, ten Days Notice of the Time and Place he intends to examine his Witneſſes, touching the ſaid Election, and that he then give the ſitting Member Notice of the Nature of any illegal Proceedings, or Practices, of the ſitting Member, or others, concerning which he intends to examine Witneſſes before the ſaid Commiſſioners.

Mr Attorney alſo reported, That the ſaid Committee had had under their further Conſideration, the Petition of Mr *John Tabb*, to them referred, complaining of an undue 13
Election and Return, of Mr *William Wager*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Elizabeth City*, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That the Perſons who voted at the ſaid Election, whoſe Freeholds are queſtioned, either by the Petitioner or ſitting Member, be examined upon Oath, whether they be Freeholders or not, except ſuch of them as did ſwear to their Freeholds at the Election.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes touching the ſitting Member's treating any of the Freeholders of the ſaid County, after the Writ for electing Burgeſſes for the ſame was iſſued, or concerning any other illegal Practices.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner and ſitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes, as to the Freeholds of any Perſons who voted at the ſaid Election, altho' ſuch Perſons ſwore to their Freeholds at ſuch Election, or ſhall ſwear to the ſame on their Examination, and that they be at Liberty to examine how long ſuch Voters have been in Poſſeſſion of, and paid Quit-Rents for the Lands or Tenements, in Right of which they voted at the Election.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner do in three Days, from this Time, give Notice to the ſitting Member, of the Nature of any illegal Practices or Proceedings of the ſitting Member or others, concerning which the Petitioner intends to examine Witneſſes before this Committee; and that he do alſo within the ſame Time deliver to the ſitting Member or his Agents, Liſts of the Perſons intended to be by him objected to, who voted for the ſitting Member, giving in the ſaid Liſts the ſeveral Heads of Objection, and diſtinguiſhing againſt the Names of the Voters excepted to; and that the ſitting Member do within the ſame Time deliver the like Liſts on his Part, to the Petitioner or his Agents.

Reſolved, That this Committee will proceed to the Examination of the ſaid Witneſſes, on *Monday* next.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Speech under

under their further Conſideration, and had come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to Report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe with an Amendment, as follow.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor, to aſſure him of our Readineſs to do every Thing in our Power, conſiſtent with our own Safety and Preſervation, to forward an Expedition intended againſt the common Enemy; but that from the ſmall Number of white Inhabitants in this Colony, and the extenſive Frontiers we have to protect and defend from the Depredations and Encroachments of a ſavage and cruel Enemy, we conceive it to be not only impracticable, but very imprudent, to ſend ſo great a Proportion of them as is demanded of us to ſo great a Diſtance, and thereby deprive ourſelves of their Aſſiſtance, which we have too much Reaſon to think we ſhall ſoon have Occaſion for.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor, to acquaint him of the Danger we apprehend from ſuch a Number of Neutral *French* Roman Catholics, being ſuffered to continue amongſt us at this Time, and to deſire that his Honor will be pleaſed to order them to be immediately ſhipped to *Great-Britain*, to be diſpoſed of as His Majeſty ſhall think proper, and to aſſure his Honor that this Houſe will chearfully pay the Expense of their Tranſportation.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Cocke*, do wait on the Governor with the ſaid Reſolutions.

Mr *Carter* alſo reported, That the Committee not having Time to go thro' the Governor's Speech, had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech To-morrow.

Mr *Pendleton*, from the Committee appointed, preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill, *For appointing a Treaſurer.*

Alſo a Bill, *To revive an Act*, intituled, *An Act for inſpecting Pork, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine.*

Alſo a Bill, For continuing Part of an Act of Aſſembly therein mentioned.

Alſo a Bill, For continuing two Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned: And the ſaid Bills were ſeverally read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of the Churchwardens, Veſtrymen, and Pariſhioners of the Pariſh of *Lynhaven*, in the County of *Princeſs-Ann*, ſetting forth, That one *James Jouſlin*, did by his laſt Will and Teſtament deviſe to the Orphans of the ſaid Pariſh, towards their Maintainance and Education, (after divers meſne Limitations, which are ſince determined) a Tract of Land, containing about 100 Acres lying in the ſaid Pariſh and County, That the Land lying in one Corner of the ſaid Pariſh, and being Mean, and yielding a very low Rent is very inconvenient, and does not anſwer the good Intentions of the Teſtator, and therefore praying that an Act may paſs to impower the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, to diſpoſe of the ſaid Land, for the moſt that can be got, and out of the Money ariſing from the Sale thereof, to purchaſe ſome other more convenient Piece of Land, and to erect Buildings thereon, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, March 30, 1756.

A NEW Member, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Mr

Mr *Waller* reported, that the Perſons appointed, had according to Order, examined into the Allegations of the Petitions of the diſabled and diſcharged Soldiers to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follow.

On Examination of *Joſeph Jefferſon*, it appeared that he was ſhot thro' the left Arm, and that he loſt the Uſe thereof, and that he hath not received the £.5 allowed by the Aſſembly to the Soldiers that were in the late Engagement.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Joſeph Jefferſon*, ought to be allowed the Sum of £.25 as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received, and in full of the ſaid £.5 and his Pay.

On Examination of *James Atherſon*, late a Corporal, it appeared that he was ſhot thro' the left Wriſt, and has thereby loſt the Uſe of his Hand, and that he hath not received the ſaid £.5.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *James Atherſon*, ought to be allowed the Sum of £.20, as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received and in full of the ſaid £.5 and his Pay.

On Examination of *Henry Hawkes*, it appeared that he received a Wound in his Scull, which is not yet cured.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Henry Hawks*, ought to be allowed the Sum of £.10, as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received.

On Examination of *Lawrence Pope*, it appeared he was wounded in his Leg, which Wound is not yet cured.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Lawrence Pope*, ought to be allowed the Sum of £.10, as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed by an Act of Aſſembly, intituled *An Act for raiſing the Sum of* £. 40,000, that they make the reſpective Allowances to the ſaid *Jefferſon*, *Atherſon*, *Hawkes*, and *Pope*, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

A Petition of *Arthur Dew*, ſetting forth, that he being a Soldier in the late Engagement on the *Monongahela*, under General *Braddock*, had the Misfortune to be ſo wounded, as to be rendered utterly incapable of maintaining himſelf, and praying Relief from this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and thereupon

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Arthur Dew*, be allowed the Sum of £.20 as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received, and in full of the £.5 allowed by Act of Aſſembly, to the Soldiers who were in that Engagement, and his Pay.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the laſt mentioned Committee, to make an Allowance to the ſaid *Arthur Dew*, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

The Houſe being informed that Mr *John Ruffin* publicly declared Yeſterday to Mr 16
William Clinch, (a Member of this Houſe) and many other Members, that the ſaid Mr *Clinch* being indebted to him and his Son *Robert Ruffin*, in Partnerſhip with him, in a very conſiderable Sum of Money, by Judgment of *Surry* Court, for Payment whereof the ſaid Mr *Clinch* propoſed to mortgage Part of his Eſtate, as Security for Part of the ſaid Debt, and to give ſuch other Security as ſhould be approved for the remaining Part, and appointed a certain Day, *to wit*, the 3d of *January*, 1755, for the ſaid *John Ruffin*, to come to his Houſe to draw Writings agreeable thereto; That when he got to Mr *Clinch*'s Houſe, he decoyed him into a ſmall Room of his Houſe, ſhut the Door, cocked and preſented a loaded Piſtol, (hid for that Purpoſe) at him, and with dreadful Oaths and Imprecations, threatened the ſaid *Ruffin*'s Life, and compelled him to ſign Diſcharges for the whole Debt, and that he was ready to prove the ſame when required.

A Motion was thereupon made, That the ſaid Information ſhould be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they ſhould examine into the ſame, and report the Matter thereof, as it ſhould appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe; and the Queſtion being put thereupon,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid *John Ruffin*, be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms, and brought to the Bar of this Houſe, to anſwer for his Offence, in ſpeaking the Words mentioned in the ſaid Information.

A Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr Speaker,

"The Governor has commanded me to lay before this Houſe, a Letter to him from "Captain *Robert Stobo*, now an Hoſtage at *Quebec*."

And the ſame was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Claim of *John Lattane*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *William Marriott*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Terrill*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Richard Bradford*, Aſſignee of *Thomas Roberts*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr Attorney from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their further Conſideration, the return of the Writ for electing of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Auguſta*, which is in theſe Words,

December 17th, 1755.

AUGUSTA, ſſ.

"In Obedience to this Writ to me directed, I ſummoned all the Freeholders of the "ſaid County to meet on this Day, then, and there, freely and indifferently to elect two "of the moſt able and diſcreet Perſons of the ſaid County, to ſerve as Burgeſſes for the "ſaid County, as by the ſaid Writ is required; and having then and there met, I uſed
17 "all the Means in my Power to comply with the ſaid Writ, but the People were ſo tumul-"tuous and riotous, that I could not finiſh the Poll; for which Reaſon no Burgeſſes "could be returned for the ſaid County. This I return as the Truth of the Caſe."

James Lockhart, Sheriff.

and that the ſaid Committee had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows,

Reſolved, That *James Lockhart*, Sheriff of *Auguſta* County, do appear at the Bar of the Houſe, to be examined upon the Matter of the ſaid Return, and to give an Account of the chief Movers in the Tumult and Riot, which prevented him from cauſing an Election to be made.

The Houſe being then informed that the ſaid *James Lockhart*, was attending at the Door of the Houſe,

Ordered, That he be immediately brought to the Bar of the Houſe, to be examined by the Speaker, touching the Matter of his ſaid Return, and to inform the Houſe, who were the chief Movers of the Tumult and Riot mentioned in his ſaid Return;

Accordingly the ſaid *James Lockhart*, was by the Serjeant at Arms conducted to the Bar of the Houſe, and being examined by the Speaker from the Chair, concerning his ſaid Return, and it being demanded of him, who were the chief Movers in the Tumult and Riot, which prevented him from cauſing an Election to be made; he anſwered, "that on the Day by him appointed for the Election of Burgeſſes for the ſaid County of "*Auguſta*, at the Court-Houſe of the ſaid County, in Purſuance of the Commands of the "Writ for Electing Burgeſſes for the ſaid County to him directed, he was proceeding "in taking the Poll for the ſaid Election, but before the ſame could be finiſhed, ſo great "a Tumult and Riot aroſe in the ſaid Court-Houſe, that he was prevented from proceed-"ing any farther in the ſaid Election, which was the Reaſon why no Burgeſſes were by "him returned to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the ſaid County of *Auguſta*, "and that *Richard Woods*, *David Cloyd*, and *Joſeph Lapſley*, were the chief Movers of "the ſaid Tumult and Riot.

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And then the ſaid *James Lockhart* was ordered to withdraw.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Richard Woods*, *David Cloyd*, and *Joſeph Lapſley*, for cauſiing a Tumult and Riot to be made at the Election of Burgeſſes for the County of *Auguſta*, and by that Means preventing the Sheriff of the ſaid County from finiſhing the ſaid Election, are guilty of a Breach of the Privilges of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Richard Woods*, *David Cloyd*, *and Joſeph Lapſley*, be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms, and brought to the Bar of this Houſe, to anſwer for their ſaid Offence.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor, to Order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly for the County of *Auguſta*, (the Sheriff of the ſaid County, having made no Return of Burgeſſes for the ſaid County by Virtue of the laſt Writ to him for that Purpoſe directed) and that Mr Attorney do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr Attorney alſo reported, that the Committee of Privileges and Elections, had had under their Conſideration the Petition of Mr *Henry Peyton*, to them referr'd, complaining 18
of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Henry Lee*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Prince William*, and had come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and are as follow.

Reſolved, That this Committee will on *Monday* Se'nnight proceed to examine Witneſſes as to the Subject Matter of the ſaid Petition.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner, or his Agents, do in five Days from this Time, give to the ſitting Member or his Agents, Notice of the particular Facts, about which he intends to examine Witneſſes before this Committee, touching the ſaid Election and Return.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be recommitted to the ſaid Committee.

A Petition of the Chief Men of the *Nottoway Indians*, ſetting forth, that they are poſſeſſed of about 15000 Acres of Land in *Southampton* County, which is more than they are able to cultivate, and praying as they are very poor and much in Debt, an Act may paſs, to enable them to ſell all that Part of the ſaid Land that lies on the South Side of the *Backhorn* Road to the Eaſt, and Southern Boundary of their Lands containing about 5000 Acres; alſo praying that an Act may paſs to enable them to ſell about 300 Acres of Low Grounds on *Nottoway* River, was preſented to the Houſe and read,

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Gray*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of Mr *John Tabb*, ſetting forth, That ſeveral of his Witneſſes, material for him, to prove the Allegations of his former Petition againſt Mr *Wager*, are aged and infirm, and unable to travel and attend the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to give Evidence on his Behalf, and praying that this Houſe will ſuffer him to take the Examinations of his ſaid Witneſſes in the Country, before ſuch Perſons as this Houſe ſhall think fit to appoint, was preſented to the Houſe, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That the Perſons who voted at the ſaid Election, whoſe Freeholds are queſtioned either by the Petitioner or ſitting Member (and who are aged, infirm, and unable to attend the Committee of Privileges and Elections) be examined upon Oath, before *George Wythe*, *Jacob Walker*, *Robert Armiſtead*, *Booth Armiſtead* and *Charles Jennings*, Gentlemen, or any three of them, whether they be Freeholders or not, except ſuch of them as did ſwear to their Freeholds at the Election, and that the ſaid Commiſſioners be impower'd to take the Depoſitions of all ſuch Witneſſes as ſhall be produced to them, and who are aged, infirm and unable to travel as aforeſaid, relating to the ſitting Member's treating any of the Freeholders of the ſaid County, after the Writ for electing Burgeſſes for the ſame was iſſued, or concerning any other illegal Practices.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner and ſitting Member be at Liberty to examine ſuch Witneſſes, before the ſaid Perſons appointed to take ſuch Examinations as afore ſaid, who are aged, infirm, and unable to travel as afore ſaid, as to the Freeholds of any Perſon who voted at the Election, altho' ſuch Perſons ſwore to their Freeholds at ſuch Election, 19

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or ſhall ſwear to the ſame at the Examination, and that it be an Inſtruction to the Perſons before whom ſuch Examinations are to be taken, to examine how long ſuch Voters have been in poſſeſſion of, and paid Quit-Rents for the Lands or Tenements, in Right of which they voted at the Election, and that they return the Examinations to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, on *Monday* the 5th Day of *April* next.

A petition of Mr *Charles Weſt*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Ralph Juſtice*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Accomack*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A Petition of the Inhabitants, of the County of *Auguſta*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That whereas many notorious Acts of Violence have been committed by the *Indians*, on the Inhabitants of that, and the neighbouring Counties, which have determined many of the Inhabitants who have ſurvived their Barbarities to remove their Families and Effects out of this Government, and others daily continue ſo to do to the great Diminution of the Number of Taxables, and to the great Prejudice of the whole Community: And whereas they conceive theſe Calamities chiefly owing to the defenceleſs State of the Frontiers, where there are but few Strongholds, for the Protection of the back Inhabitants, againſt the Incurſions and Depredations of the Savages, and are in dreadful Apprehenſions that the Succeſs of theſe Barbarians, hitherto, will, if not timely prevented, embolden them to come upon them in greater Numbers, and repeat their ſavage Cruelties. And the ſaid Petitioners conceiving that no Method can ſo certainly and with little Expence, ſecure them againſt a Repetition of theſe heavy Cruelties, as a Chain of Forts extended quite a croſs the Country, for their preſent Defence, and eſtabliſhing a fair Trade and cultivating a Friendſhip with the ſeveral *Indian* Nations, upon, and to the Weſtward of the River *Ohio*, for their Preſervation in Time to come, which they conceive would be the Effect of ſuch a Trade and Friendſhip, becauſe thence in a few Years they might reaſonably expect ſuch a ſtrong Barrier of confederate *Indians*, would be formed in that Part, and the Continent in their Favor, as would thenceforward prevent the *French* from extending their own Settlements or moleſting ours. The ſaid Petitioners therefore pray that for theſe Reaſons, ſuch a Chain of Forts may be erected, and ſuch an *Indian* Factory may be eſtabliſhed, at ſuch Places, under ſuch Direction, and in ſuch Method, as to this Houſe ſhall appear moſt conducive to guard againſt future Miſchiefs, to promote the Succeſs of the Common Cauſe, and reſtore Tranquility and Security to the Inhabitants of this Colony.

Alſo three other Petitions from the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Albemarle*, *Fairfax*, and *Frederick*, to the ſame Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Conſideration of the Governor's Speech is referred.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech To-morrow.

A Bill, *For appointing a Treaſurer*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed, had according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor, with the Reſolutions of the Committee of the whole Houſe Yeſterday agreed to; and that his Honor was pleaſed to ſay he would conſider of them, and return an Anſwer to the Houſe.

A Bill, *To revive an Act*, intituled, *An Act for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Alexander Bolling*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Junior, Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Bland*.

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A Bill, For continuing Part of an Act of Aſſembly therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Benjamin Waller*, Mr *Jones*, and Mr *Landon Carter*.

A Bill, For continuing two Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, March 31ſt, 1756.

A PETITION of the Miniſter, Churchwardens and Veſtrymen of the Pariſhes of *Abingdon* and *Ware*, in the County of *Glocester*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That one *Henry Peafley*, by his laſt Will and Teſtament, dated the 17th Day of *March*, 1675, deviſed a certain Tract of Land, containing 600 Acres, with ſome Stock, to the ſaid Pariſhes, for a Free School, for maintaining and educating the Children of the ſaid Pariſhes: That ſince the ſaid Deviſe ſeveral Negroes have been given to the ſame Uſes, but the ſaid Land being very inconveniently ſituated, the ſame is of little Uſe for the Purpoſes intended; the ſaid Petitioners therefore pray, that an Act may paſs to enable them to leaſe out the ſaid Lands and Slaves, the Rents whereof would be ſufficient to maintain a School in each of the ſaid Pariſhes.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Page* and Mr *Whiting*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of *Nathaniel Terry*, ſetting forth, That he had at great Expence and 21
Trouble taken ſeveral Perſons, who in the Diſguiſe of *Indians*, had been robbing and plundering the Inhabitants in the Frontiers of this Colony, and brought them to Juſtice; and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, for ſuch his extraordinary Service, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Claim of *David Lewis*, Junior, for taking up two Runaways therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Joſeph Thompſon*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Treaſurer*, was read the third Time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Written Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"I received your Addreſs and the Reſolve of your Houſe, in regard to the Aſſiſtance "expected from this Colony towards conducting the Expedition againſt *Crown-Point* "and *Niagara*. You say it is not only impracticable but imprudent, to ſend ſo great "a Proportion of Men, as is demanded from this Colony. If you cannot comply with "the Number of Men expected, I recommend your voting a Sum of Money for that "Service, to ſhew your Approbation of the Plan of Operations, which if attended with "Succeſs, will undoubtedly be of great Service to all the *Britiſh* Colonies on this Conti-"nent. I further recommend to you proper Supplies, for conducting that Part of the

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"Plan of Operations againſt Fort *Du Queſne*, and the Expedition againſt the *Shawan-*
"*eſſe*, which, I think will be attended with conſiderable Expence."

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"I received your Addreſs and Reſolve, in regard to the *French* Neutrals. I muſt "obſerve theſe People were divided among all the Colonies, from the Reſolution of the "Council of *Nova-Scotia*, aſſiſted by Admirals *Boſcawen* and *Moſtyn*. I have great "Reaſon to apprehend that Reſolution was agreeable to their Inſtructions from his "Majeſty, and I have no Orders for tranſporting them for *Britain*; but as you are "deſirous that they may be immediately ſhipp'd to *Britain*, and think their remaining "here, will be attended with Danger to this Government, I am willing to comply with "your Requeſt, and therefore deſire you will appoint proper Perſons to make Proviſion "for their Subſiſtance, from this time till their Embarkation, and that thoſe Gentlemen "may agree for proper Veſſels to tranſport them, agreeably to the Reſolve of your Houſe. "I ſend you herewith Governor *Lawrence*'s Letter, and the Receipts for the Neutrals "when landed here."

And the ſaid Written Meſſage was read.

22 *Ordered*, That the ſaid written Meſſage, and Governor *Lawrence*'s Letter, be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Governor's Speech is committed.

The Houſe being informed that Mr *John Ruffin* attended at the Door, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms,

Ordered, That he be brought to the Bar of this Houſe, to anſwer for his Offence in ſpeaking thoſe Words againſt a Member of this Houſe, mentioned in an Information Yeſterday given to the Houſe, and that Mr Speaker do demand of him an Anſwer to the ſaid Information.

He was accordingly brought to the Bar, and Mr Speaker ſpoke as follows.

John Ruffin, The Houſe have been informed, that you, on *Monday* laſt publicly declared before many Members of the Houſe, that Mr *Clinch* (a Member of this Houſe) being indebted to you in a large Sum of Money, decoyed you into his Houſe, ſhut the Door upon you, and cocked and preſented a loaded Piſtol at you (hid for that Purpoſe) and with dreadful Oaths and Imprecations threatened your Life, and compelled you to ſign Diſcharges for the whole Debt, and that you were ready to prove the ſame when required. The Houſe have therefore commanded me to require of you an Anſwer to this Charge.

To which the ſaid *John Ruffin* anſwered, That it was true, he had ſpoken thoſe Words of Mr *Clinch*, and that he was ready to juſtify the ſame, and prayed the Houſe would give him an Opportunity ſo to do.

And then he was ordered to withdraw.

Ordered, That the ſubject Matter of the Information, given to this Houſe, againſt Mr *John Ruffin*, be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they do examine into, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe; and that the ſaid *John Ruffin* be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, in Order to produce Witneſſes before the ſaid Committee, in Support of his Juſtification of ſpeaking the Words mentioned in the ſaid Information.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Speech under their further Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

Reſolved, That certain Gentlemen, be appointed to agree with proper Perſons, for the Tranſportation of the Neutral *French*, from this Colony to *Great-Britain*.

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Riddick*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Carter* alſo informed the Houſe, that the Committee not having Time, to go thro' the Governor's Speech, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid 23
Speech To-morrow.

Mr Attorney from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the Petition of Mr *Henry Peyton* to them referr'd, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Henry Lee*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs for the County of *Prince-William*, in this preſent General Aſſembly, and had agreed upon a Report and a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to, by the Houſe as follows.

The ſitting Member appeared before this Committee and acknowledged, that he had treated the Freeholders of the ſaid County, to engage their Votes, after the Writ for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve for the ſaid County, in this preſent General Aſſembly was iſſued, and had thereby vacated his Seat in this Houſe, and the Petitioner declared he was ſatisfied, and did not deſire to proceed any further upon his Petition, and thereupon

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Henry Lee*'s Election, to ſerve as a Burgeſs for the ſaid County of *Prince-William*, in this preſent General Aſſembly, is illegal and void.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to Order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Prince-William*, in the Room of Mr *Henry Lee*, who is voted not duly elected; and that Mr *Benjamin Waller*, do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, April 1ſt, 1756.

A PETITION of the Inhabitants of the County and Borough of *Norfolk*, ſetting forth, That the three Branches of *Elizabeth* River, run thro' the ſaid County, over which and *Tanner*'s Creek, are five public Ferries, over one of which moſt of the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, are obliged to paſs to Church, Court and Muſters, which is very expenſive and burthenſome to them, and praying that an Act may paſs to impower the Court of the ſaid County, to appoint proper Perſons yearly to keep the ſaid Ferry, who ſhall be obliged to ſet the Inhabitants of the ſaid County over the ſaid Ferry, Ferry-free; and that the ſaid Court may be impowered to levy the Expence of keeping the ſaid Ferry, on the Inhabitants of the ſaid County.

Alſo a Petition of *Philip Noland*, in Oppoſition to two Petitions of one *Chapman*, and one *Trammell*, which the Petitioner is informed will be preſented to this Houſe, for putting down a Ferry eſtabliſhed from the Petitioner's Land, in the County of *Fairfax* to *Powell*'s Landing, in the Province of *Maryland*.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Fairfax* County, praying a Diviſion of the ſaid County, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion 24
of Aſſembly.

Mr Attorney from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Petition of Mr *Charles Weſt*, complaining of an undue Election, and Return, of Mr *Ralph Juſtice*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Accomack*, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table where they were again twice read, and are as follow.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Perſons who voted at the ſaid Election, whoſe Freeholds are queſtioned, either by the Petitioner or ſitting Member, be examined upon Oath, before *Charles Stokeby*, *William Bevans*, *Thomas Parramore*, and *John Wife*, of the ſaid County, Gentlemen, or any three of them, whether they be Freeholders or not, except ſuch of them as did ſwear to their Freeholds at the Election.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner and ſitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes before the ſame Perſons, as to the Freehold of any Perſon who voted at the Election, altho' ſuch Perſons ſwore to their Freeholds at ſuch Election, or ſhall ſwear to the ſame at the Examination, and that it be an Inſtruction to the Perſons before whom ſuch Examinations are to be taken, to examine how long ſuch Voters have been in Poſſeſſion of, and paid Quit-Rents for the Lands or Tenements, in Right of which they voted at the Election, and that they return the Depoſitions they ſhall take, to this Committee, by the 14th Day of *April* next.

Reſolved, That this Committee will on the ſaid 14th Day of *April*, proceed to hear Witneſſes to the other Part of the Petitioner's Charge.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner do within ſix Days, from this Time, ſpecify and give to the ſitting Member, by a Liſt in Writing, the Names of the Voters he intends to except to, diſtinguiſhing againſt each Name the Heads of Exception; and that the ſitting Member do the like to the Petitioner.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner give to the ſitting Member, within the ſame Time, Notice of the particular Facts, about which he intends to examine Witneſſes before this Committee.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be recommitted to the ſaid Committee.

The Houſe being informed that the Sheriff of *Henrico*, attended at the Door, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms.

Ordered That he amend his Return of the Writ, for electing Burgeſſes for the ſaid County in the Office, and that he be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying Fees.

M^r *Gray* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *To enable the* Nottoway Indians *to ſell certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

M^r *Charles Carter*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *To enable certain Perſons to contract for the Tranſportation of the Neutral* French *to* Great-Britain; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That M^r *Bell* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

M^r Attorney from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Information againſt M^r *John Ruffin*, to them referr'd, and had agreed upon a Report and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to, by the Houſe as follows.

M^r *Clinch* informed the Committee, that one of his material Witneſſes was gone to *Georgia*, that another lived in *Carolina*, and that a third was not able to attend, having lately broke his Collar Bone.

Reſolved, That the Conſideration, of the ſaid Information ought to be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Order being read, for the Houſe to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday,

Friday, April 2d, 1756.

Ordered, THAT Mr *Curtis* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Saturday* Se'nnight, and Mr *Lemuel Riddick*, till *Monday* Fortnight,

Mr *Alexander Bolling*, from the Committee to whom a Bill, *To revive an Act*, intituled, *An Act for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine*, was committed, reported that the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Houſe being informed that the high Sheriff of *Amelia*, was ſick and unable to attend, and that he had ſent down his under Sheriff, and deſired that he might have Leave to amend his Return of the Writ for electing Burgeſſes for the ſaid County.

Ordered, That the ſaid under Sheriff have leave to amend the Return of the ſaid Writ in the Office, and that the high Sheriff of the ſaid County be diſcharged paying Fees.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants, of the County of *King* and *Queen*, ſetting forth, that the Warehouſes at *Shepherds*, and *Turners*, in the ſaid County, being now under one Inſpection are very inconvenient to them, and praying that they may be put under ſeparate Inſpections, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr Speaker informed the Houſe, that the Governor had deſired him to lay before 26
the Houſe, a Letter from General *Shirley* to his Honor, alſo a Letter from General *Shirley* to Governor *Sharpe*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters be referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Conſideration of the Governors Speech is referred.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Speech under their further Conſideration, and had come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe with an Amendment, as follow.

Reſolved, That the Number of Men already raiſed, for the Protection of our Frontiers, be augmented to Two Thouſand.

Reſolved, That a Sum, not exceeding Twenty Thouſand Pounds, be raiſed for the Support of the ſaid additional number of Forces.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe the Sum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds, purſuant to the Reſolution of the Committee this Day agreed to by the Houſe, To-morrow.

Mr Attorney from the Committee of Privileges and Elections reported, that the Committee had had under their further Conſideration, the Petition of Mr *Charles Weſt*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Ralph Juſtice*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Accomack*, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That the Perſons who voted at the ſaid Election whoſe Freeholds are queſtioned, either by the Petitioner or ſitting Member, be examined upon Oath, before *Charles Stockley*, *William Bevans*, *Thomas Parramore* and *John Wiſe*, of the ſaid County, Gentlemen,

Gentlemen, or any three of them, whether they be Freeholders or not, except ſuch of them as did ſwear to their Freeholds at the Election.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner and ſitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes, before the ſame Perſons, as to the Freehold of any Perſon who voted at the ſaid Election, altho' ſuch Perſons ſwore to their Freeholds at the Election, or ſhall ſwear to the ſame at the Examinations, and that it be an Inſtruction to the Perſons before whom ſuch Examination are to be taken, to examine how long ſuch Voters have been in Poſſeſſion of, and paid Quit-Rents for the Lands or Tenements, in Right of which they voted at the Election, and that they return the Depoſitions they ſhall take, to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

27 *Reſolved*, That the Petitioner give to the ſitting Member, ten Days Notice of the Time and Place, where he intends to examine his Witneſſes, alſo a Liſt in Writing, of the Names of the Voters he intends to except to, diſtinguiſhing againſt each name the ſeveral Heads of Exception, and that the ſitting Member do the like to the Petitioner.

Reſolved, That the other Part of the ſaid Petition ought to be examined into before the Committee, and that the Petitioner do before the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, give the ſitting Member Notice of the particular Facts, about which he intends to examine Witneſſes before the Committee.

Reſolved, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Bill *To enable the* Nottoway Indians *to ſell certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time and committed to M^r *Gray*, M^r *Taylor*, M^r *Bland*, and the Members for *Iſle* of *Wight*, and *Nanſemond*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, April 3th[1], 1756.

MR. *Gray*, from the Committee to whom the Bill *To enable the* Nottoway Indians *to ſell certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe the Sum of £.20,000, agreeable to the Reſolution of the Committee, Yeſterday agreed to by the Houſe; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair and M^r *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report be put off till *Tueſday* next.

M^r *Carter* alſo informed the Houſe, that the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to conſider further of Ways and Means to raiſe the ſaid Sum of £.20,000 on *Tueſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday,

1. So printed in the original.

Monday, April 5th, 1756.

TWO new Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe. 28

A Bill *To enable certain Perſons to contract for the Tranſportation of the Neutral* French *to* Great-Britain, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, April 6th, 1756.

THE Houſe being informed that the Sheriff of *Stafford*, attended at the Door in Cuſtody of the Serjeant of Arms.

Ordered That he have Leave to amend his Return of the Writ, for electing Burgeſſes for the ſaid County in the Office, and that he be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying Fees.

A Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by M^r^ *Walthoe*,

M^r^ Speaker,

The Governor has commanded me to lay before your Houſe, a Letter to his Honor from Major *Andrew Lewis*, dated at *Roanoak* the 28th of *March* laſt, incloſing a Copy of the Minutes of a Council of War held at *Sandy-Creek* the 15th of *March*. Alſo a Letter from *William Fleming*, and the ſame were read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Letters do lie on the Table.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, made on *Saturday* the 3d Inſtant, which was referr'd to be conſidered this Day, and the ſame being read

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be recommitted to the ſaid Committee.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to conſider further, of Ways and Means to raiſe Twenty Thouſand Pounds, for the Protection of the Frontiers, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r^ Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r^ *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had conſidered further of Ways and Means to raiſe the ſaid Sum, and had made an Amendment to the Reſolution, which had been recommitted to the ſaid Committee, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows

Reſolved, That a Tax of One Shilling, or ten Pounds of Tobacco *per* Poll, on every tithable Perſon, and one Shilling and three Pence, or twelve Pounds and an half of 29
Tobacco, on every hundred Acres of Land within this Colony, be laid for two Years towards raiſing the ſaid Sum of £.20,000 for the Protection of our Frontiers.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and to the Reſolutions of the Committee agreed to by the Houſe on *Friday* laſt, and it is referr'd to M^r^ *Charles Carter*, M^r^ *Attorney*, M^r^ *Landon Carter*, M^r^ *Bland*, M^r^ *Benjamin Harriſon*, junior, M^r^ *Pendleton*, M^r^ *Power*, and M^r^ *Waller*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *King-William*, in the Room of M^r^ *John Martin* deceaſed; and that M^r^ *Waller*, do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

A Petition of the Freeholders and Houſe-keepers of the Pariſh of *Bath*, in the County of *Dinwiddie*, complaining of illegal and arbitrary Proceedings of the preſent Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, and praying that this Houſe will make an Enquiry, and take the ſame into their Conſideration, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Counties of *Goochland*, *Hanover*, *Henrico*, *Cheſterfield* and *Charles-City*, ſetting forth, that great Inconveniences have ariſen to moſt of the Inhabitants of the Colony, and are like to continue, for Want of a proper Circulation of Credit, inſomuch that Buſineſs is obſtructed and many Families are likely to be ruined, by having their Goods ſold for leſs than half the Value, thro' the great Scarcity of Caſh, and praying that a Loan Office may be eſtabliſhed, and Paper Currency may iſſue, to the amount of £.300,000 or any greater Sum that may anſwer the preſent Exigencies.

Alſo a Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Halifax* to the ſame Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That Mr *Cary*, and Mr *Harris*, be added to the Committee, to whom it is referred to prepare and bring in a Bill, for eſtabliſhing a Loan Office.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *To enable certain Perſons to contract for the Tranſportation of the Neutral* French *to* Great-Britain,

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, April 7th, 1756.

A PETITION of *Benjamin Moſby*, ſetting forth, That in *July* laſt, his Waggon and Driver with five Horſes and their Harneſs, were impreſſed for His Majeſty's Service, to carry Arms and Ammunition for the Uſe of the Rangers, and ſome Time afterwards the Driver returned with four of the Horſes, the other being loſt, and the Waggon retained in the Service, that he has been at Conſiderable Expenſe in providing for his Driver and Horſes, and that at the Time they were impreſſed, they were appraiſed by indifferent Men of the Neighbourhood, and that he has not yet received any Satisfaction for them, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Benjamin Waller*, and Mr *Power*, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony do lay his Accounts before the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing a Treaſurer.*

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the* Nottoway Indians *to ſell certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Gray* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Page* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For appointing Truſtees to leaſe out certain Lands and Slaves, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A *Petition of William Hunter* Printer, praying, That his Salary as Printer to this Houſe

Houſe, which will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, may be continued, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Benjamin Waller*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Power*, and Mr *Randolph*, that they do examine into the Merits of the ſaid Petition, and report the ſame, as it ſhall appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *To enable certain Perſons to contract for the Tranſportation of the Neutral* French *to* Great-Britain, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr Attorney from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their further Conſideration, the Petition of Mr *John Tabb*, complaining of an undue Election, and Return of Mr *William Wager*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, to them referred, and had agreed upon a Report 31
thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report be put off till To-morrow.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and amend an Act*, intituled, *An Act for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, April 8th, 1756.

A PETITION of *Thomas Penman* Keeper of the public Goal, ſetting forth, That the late Aſſembly at their laſt Seſſion, was pleaſed to continue the Method of payment of his Salary for maintaining the Priſoners, and praying that the ſame may be ſtill continued to him, was preſented to the Houſe and read,

Reſolved, That the additional Sum of £. 15, be paid to the ſaid *Thomas Penman* every Year over and above his uſual Sallary of £.25.

Reſolved, That 10lb. of Tobacco per Day, be allowed the ſaid *Thomas Penman* for every Criminal committed to the ſaid Goal, during ſuch Criminals Impriſonment, from this Time to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of ſundry Proprietors of Lots, contiguous to the City of *Williamſburg*, ſetting forth, That they are ſubject to many Inconveniences by being without the Bounds of the ſame, and praying that they may be brought within the Limits of the ſaid City, and enjoy the ſame Privileges the Citizens thereof now do, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Chiſwell* and Mr *Waller*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of *Peter Pelham*, ſetting forth, That in Purſuance of an Act of Aſſembly made in the Year 1752, an Organ hath been purchaſed, and placed in the Church in the City of *Williamſburg*: That the Petitioner ſet up and fitted the ſaid Organ for uſe, and hath ever ſince performed on the ſame as Organiſt, and praying that this Houſe will make him ſome Satisfaction for his Trouble in ſetting up the ſaid Organ, and will appoint him

him Organiſt, with ſuch Salary or Allowance as this Houſe ſhall think fit, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

A Motion was thereupon made, That the ſaid *Peter Pelham*, be appointed Organiſt to the ſaid Organ, and that he be paid the Sum of £.25 Yearly out of the Public Money, for his Salary as Organiſt, and the Queſtion being put thereupon,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

32 A Petition of ſundry Perſons, ſetting forth, That they are reſpectively Proprietors of Tobacco, which was burnt in *Coan* Ware-houſe in the County of *Northumberland*, as will appear by a Memorial of the Tobacco burnt in the ſaid Ware-houſe, which was preſented to a Court held for the ſaid County, for Proof of Public Claims, by the Inſpectors at the ſaid Warehouſe and certified to this Houſe, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe therein.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Perſons, ſetting forth, That they are reſpectively Proprietors of Tobacco, which was burnt in *Deep Creek* Warehouſe in the County of *Lancaſter*, as will appear by a Memorial of the Inſpectors of the ſaid Warehouſe annexed to the ſaid Petition, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe therein, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referr'd to M^r *Landon Carter*, M^r *Robert Carter Nicholas*, M^r *Spencer Ball*, M^r *Lee*, M^r *Waſhington*, and to the Members for *Lancaſter* County, that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections made Yeſterday, and referred to be conſidered this Day, and the ſame was read, and is as follows,

Your Committee beg Leave to inform the Houſe, that it appears to them, that *Benjamin Leſter*, who voted for the ſitting Member at the ſaid Election, in Right of a Tract of Land in the ſaid County, ſufficient to entitle him to a Vote, hath paid Quit-Rents for the ſame eight or ten Years paſt, and ſold Timber from off the ſame; that upwards of twenty Years ago, there was an Houſe on the ſaid Land, called *Leſter*'s-Houſe, and ſome Ground cleared about the ſame, and that the reputed Father of the ſaid *Benjamin*, cut and ſold Timber from off the ſaid Land, above twenty Years ago. But *John Thruſton*, who voted for the Petitioner at the ſaid Election, in Right of the ſame Land, produced Deeds to your Committee, for the ſaid Land, from one *Vellene*'s to one *William Dalton*, and alſo the Will of the ſaid *Dalton*, by which he deviſed all his Eſtate to his Wife, whom the ſaid *Thruſton* afterwards married, and in her Right, claims the ſaid Land, but has never been in Poſſeſſion thereof. And the Petitioner offered to produce Evidence to prove that the ſaid *Benjamin Leſter*, was an illegitimate Son of his reputed Father; but your Committee did not think proper to enter into the Examination of that Point.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid *Benjamin Leſter*, had a good Right to vote for Burgeſſes at the ſaid Election.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid *John Thruſton*, had no Right to vote for Burgeſſes at the ſaid Election.

It alſo appeared to your Committee, That *David Curle*, who voted for the ſitting Member at the ſaid Election, was poſſeſſed of Eighty-ſix Acres of Land in the ſaid County, on which was an Orchard fenced in with Pine-Poles, and an Houſe 25 Feet by 15, much out of Repair, moſt Part of the Weather-Boards being off and Part of the Shingles, and the Sills rotten, but the ſaid Land hath not been tended, nor hath any Perſon reſided
33 thereon for ſeveral Years, the ſaid *David Curle* having lived in *Carolina*, from whence he lately returned, and ſince the ſaid Election hath put Slaves on the ſaid Land, who live in a Pen made of Poles and covered with Pine-Bruſh, and in bad Weather retire to the Neighbours for Shelter; but the Relations of the ſaid *Curle*, have uſed to beat the Apples for Cyder, when the Orchard produced any, and did laſt Year beat a large Quantity.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid *David Curle*, had no Right to vote for Burgeſſes at the ſaid Election.

It likewiſe appeared to your Committee, That *Thomas Roberts* who voted for the ſitting Member at the ſaid Election, married the Widow of one *William Mallory*, deceaſed, by Virtue of his Intereſt in her Eſtate, whoſe former Huſband died ſeiſed of one Hundred Acres of Land in the ſaid County, and by his Will deviſed to her the Uſe of all his Eſtate, 'til his son *William* ſhould come of Age, for the Maintainance and Schooling of his Children; and that by Articles entered into before the Marriage of the ſaid *Roberts*, ſhe conveyed all her Eſtate to a Truſtee, to hold to him in Truſt 'til the intended Marriage ſhould take Effect, for the Uſes mentioned in the Will of the ſaid *William Mallory*, and afterwards until the ſaid *William* the ſon ſhould come of Age, in Truſt to hold one fourth Part of the ſaid Eſtate, for the Uſe of the ſaid *Thomas Roberts*, and the other three fourths for the Uſe of the ſaid *Mary*, for the Maintaining and Schooling of her Children by the ſaid *William Mallory*, free from the Controul of the ſaid *Roberts*, and in Caſe the ſaid *Mary* ſhould happen to die before her Son *William* came of Age, then in Truſt for finiſhing the Crop, if any, and afterwards to hold the ſaid Land, Slaves, and three fourths of the Perſonal Eſtate, for the Uſe of the Children of the ſaid *William Mallory*, deceaſed, according to his Will, and the other fourth Part of the Perſonal Eſtate, to the Uſe of the ſaid *Roberts* for ever. It alſo appeared that the ſaid *William Mallory*, appointed his ſaid Wife ſole Executrix of his laſt Will, and that her Dower in the ſaid Land hath never been aſſigned to her.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid *Thomas Roberts*, had a good Right to vote for Burgeſſes at the ſaid Election.

It further appeared to your Committee, that *Nehemiah Nichols*, who voted for the Petitioner, is the reputed Son of a white Man by a dark Mulatto Woman, as dark as any Negroe, but his Grandmother was a white Woman; and that *Joſeph Nichols* who alſo voted for the Petitioner, is the Son of the ſaid *Nehemiah* by a white Woman, and both of them are of dark Complexion.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid *Nehemiah Nichols* and *Joſeph Nichols*, had no Right to vote for Burgeſſes at the ſaid Election.

It further appeared to your Committee, That *John Lyall* and *Thomas Craghead*, at a Muſter of a Company of the Militia of the ſaid County, of which the ſitting Member is Captain, did between the Teſt of the ſaid Writ and the Election of Burgeſſes for the ſame County, treat the Perſons there preſent with Punch, and drink M^r *Wager*'s Health. That he invited ſeveral People to M^r *Wager*'s, but was at the Expence of the Liquor himſelf, 34
and gave it without, and even againſt M^r *Wager*'s Conſent, who deſired him not to do ſo 'til the Election was over. That upon his invitation, ſeveral Freeholders went to M^r *Wager*'s and were there kindly entertained, with Victuals and Drink, but no Solicitations or Threats were then uſed by M^r *Wager*, touching the Election of Burgeſſes for the ſaid County; but, he did ſay, that if his Friends would ſtand by him he ſhould carry his Election: And the ſaid *Craghead*, declared to your Committee, that M^r *Wager* had aſſiſted him in his Diſtreſs, and therefore he did treat the Freeholders at that Time, and would as often as M^r *Wager* and M^r *Wythe*, ſhould be candidates for that County. That M^r *Wager* for many Years paſt hath kept an hoſpitable Houſe, and freely entertained all Perſons that came there, as well Strangers as Freeholders. That at the Muſter of his Company, after the Exerciſe was over, he uſually treated them with Punch, and they would after that come before his Door and fire Guns in Token of their Gratitude, and then he would give them Punch 'til they diſperſed, and that this has been a frequent Practice for ſeveral Years.

It alſo appeared to your Committee, That at a Meeting of ſundry Freeholders of the ſaid County between the Teſt of the Writ and Day of Election, procured by M^r *Wythe* who was a Candidate or his Friends, That ſome of M^r *Wythe*'s Friends declared, he would ſerve as Burgeſs for the ſaid County for nothing, and that they would give Bond to repay any Thing that ſhould be levied on the County for him, and M^r *Wager* being at

a Diſtance, and hearing this Declaration, came up and ſaid, he would ſerve on the ſame Terms, or on the ſame Terms as his Colleagues; upon which one *Cary* declared, now we have got two Men that will ſerve us for nothing, which he was glad of, as he found it very difficult to pay his Taxes; but he did not vote for Mr *Wager* at the ſaid Election.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Mr *Wager*, hath not vacated his Election by ſuch Proceedings.

But on Examination of a Copy of the Poll, taken at the ſaid Election, it appeared to your Committee, That the ſitting Member had three Votes more than the Petitioner, ſeven of which, *to wit*, *Chriſtopher M'Donald*, *John Lewis*, *Thomas Roberts*, *Alexander Rhonald*, *Willis Scot*, *George Wray*, Junior, and *John Lyall*, it is the Opinion of your Committee, had no Right to vote at the ſaid Election; and your Committee are alſo of the Opinion, that three of the Perſons who voted for the Petitioner at the ſaid Election, had no Right ſo to do, *to wit*, *Nehemiah Nichols*, *Joſeph Nichols*, and *John Thruſton*; but that the Petitionar hath a Majority of legal Votes on the ſaid Poll, and therefore

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the ſaid Mr *William Wager* is not duly elected to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the ſaid County of *Elizabeth City*.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petitioner Mr *John Tabb*, is duly elected to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the ſaid County.

The firſt and ſecond Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The third and fourth Reſolutions being alſo read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Negative.

Then the other Reſolutions being alſo read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Secretary's Office, do eraſe the Name of *William Wager*, out of the Return of the Writ for the Election of the Burgeſſes for the County of *Elizabeth-City*, and that he do inſert inſtead thereof the Name of *John Tabb*.

A Bill, *For appointing Truſtees to lease out certain Lands and Slaves, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time and committed to Mr *Landon Carter*, the Members of *Gloſter* County, Mr *Benjamin Waller*, and Mr *Attorney*.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to inſpect and examine into the ſeveral Claims of the Militia, that were ordered out for the Protection of the Frontiers, and that it conſiſt of the following Perſons, *viz.* Mr *Fairfax*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Weſt*, Mr *Slaughter*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Lee*, Mr *William Waller*, Mr *Pendleton* and Mr *Swearingen*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, April 9th, 1756.

TWO new Members having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

A Petition of *Charles Anderſon* and *William Boyd*, ſetting forth, That they had each of them a Waggon with their Horſes and Drivers impreſſed to carry Goods for the Soldiers at Fort *Frederick*: That the Petitioner *Anderſon*'s Team was employed in the Service 28 Days, and the ſaid *William Boyd*'s 25 Days, and that they provided for their ſaid Horſes and Drivers, during the Time they were ſo employed, and have not yet received any Satisfaction for the ſame, was preſented to the Houſe and read,

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referr'd to the Committee to whom the Petition of *Benjamin Moſby*, was referr'd, on *Wedneſday* laſt; that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Several Claims of ſundry Perſons for Tobacco burnt at at *Pitts* Warehouſe, on *Pocomoke* River in the County of *Accomack* were preſented to the Houſe and read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referr'd to the Committee to whom the Petitions of the Proprietors of the Tobacco, burnt in *Coan* and *Deep Creek* Warehouſes, were Yeſterday referr'd. That they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe,

Ordered, That M^r *Bland*, M^r *Benjamin Waller* and M^r *Power*, be added to the ſaid 36
Committee.

A Memorial ſigned by Col. *George Waſhington* and moſt of the Officers of the *Virginia* Regiment, praying that this Houſe will addreſs His Majeſty, to put the ſaid Regiment on the *Engliſh* Eſtabliſhment, was preſented to the Houſe and read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial do lie on the Table.

M^r *Charles Carter* preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill, *For raiſing the ſum of Twenty Thouſand Pounds, for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

M^r *Landon Carter* from the Committee to whom the Bill, *For appointing Truſtees to lease out certain Lands and Slaves, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was committed, reported that the Committee had examined into the Allegations of the ſaid Bill, and them found to be true, but had made no Amendments thereto. And he delivered the Bill in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Petition of *Walter Boyd*, ſetting forth, That in *January*, 1755, one *Peter Brown* who was inliſted as a Soldier in the Expedition to the *Ohio*, was by the Fall of a Tree crippled, by having both his Legs and one of his Thighs broke, while he was going on board a Tranſport at *Blandford*, that the ſaid *Brown* was by his Captain ſent to the Petitioners Houſe, where he lay more than a year unable to ſtir without Aſſiſtance, and that the Petitioner has been at great Expence and Trouble in his Cure, and hath not yet received any Satisfaction for the ſame, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to M^r *Bland*, M^r *Hedgeman*, M^r *Alexander Bolling*, M^r *Randolph*, M^r *Landon Carter*, M^r *John Nicholas*, the Members for *Dinwiddie* County, and M^r *William Thornton*; that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Lunenburg*, ſetting forth, That by the Deſtruction of their Crops, occaſioned by the long Drought laſt Year, and the early Froſts, they are reduced ſo very low, as to be ſcarce able to ſubſiſt, or provide themſelves with the common Neceſſaries of Life, and are utterly unable to pay the Officers Fees, and other Taxes they are ſubject to, and praying, That an Act may paſs to prohibit the Clerks, Surveyors, and other Officers, from demanding more than one third of their Fees, due this Year, and that they may be compelled to ſtay for the other two thirds 'till the finiſhing another Crop, and that there may be a Suſpenſion of all Demands for Intereſt due on any Bonds, and that no Executions may be levied for the ſame Time; was preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A Repreſentation of the Inſpectors at *Crutchfield*'s Warehouſe, in the County of *Hanover*, ſetting forth, That on the 7th Inſtant, two of the ſaid Warehouſes took Fire in the Night, (by ſome Means unknown to them) and were conſumed, together with 37
about forty Hogſheads of Tobacco therein, but that the exact Quantity is unknown to them,

them, or to whom the ſame belonged, their Books being burnt at the ſame Time; and ſubmitting the ſame to the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for appointing Commiſſioners, to enquire into the Loſſes ſuſtained by the Burning of the ſaid Warehouſes, and it is referr'd to Mr *Henry Robinſon*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid *Henry Robinſon*, to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes to inquire into the Burning of the ſaid Warehouſes, and to offer a Reward to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall diſcover and apprehend the Authors of the ſaid Fire.

An ingroſed Bill intituled, *An Act to enable certain Perſons to contract for the Tranſportation of the Neutral* French *to* Great-Britain, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs,

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence,

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe to-morrow.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to revive and amend an Act*, intituled, *An Act for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Flour, Tar, Pitch and Turpentine.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act To enable the* Nottoway Indians *to ſell certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable certain Perſons to contract for the Tranſportation of the Neutral* French *to* Great Britain, without any Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr *Walke*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Thurſday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, April 10th, 1756.

Ordered, THAT Mr *Edmunds* have Leave to be abſent the Remainder of this Seſſion, for the Recovery of his Health; and Mr *Hutchings* 'til *Wedneſday* next.

Mr *Carrington* reported, That the Perſons appointed had according to Order, examined into the Allegations of the Petition of *Benjamin Moſby*, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that the ſaid *Benjamin Moſby* ought to be paid by the Public, the Sum of £.41 8*ſ.* 6 *d.* for his Loſſes and Services, mentioned in the ſaid Petition.

38 *Ordered*, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, appointed by an Act of Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of £.40,000 for the Protection of His Majeſty's Subjects on the Frontiers of this Colony*, to make an Allowance to the ſaid *Benjamin Moſby*, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

A Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.20,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter*, reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, but had made no Amendments thereto.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be recommitted to the ſaid Committee.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine ſuch inrolled Bills, as are ready for the Governor's Aſſent, and that it conſiſt of the following Perſons, *viz.* Mr *Bland*, Mr *Fleming*, Mr *Henry Robinſon*, and Mr *William Waller*.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Weſtwood*, be added to the Committee to whom the Claims of the Militia, ordered out for the Protection of the Frontiers, are referred.

Ordered, That the Call of the Houſe be put off 'til *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, April 12th, 1756.

A NEW Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

A Claim of *Drury Scruggs*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Joſiah Randle*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Retterford*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Witch*, for the ſame Service; were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of *Mary Burney* Widow, ſetting forth, That her late Huſband *Thomas Burney*, was employed in the late Expedition as a Guide to the Forces under the Command of General *Braddock*, and that he was killed in the Engagement on *Monongahela*, by which Means her Family is reduced to great Diſtreſs having loſt their only Support; alſo a Repreſentation of Sir *John St. Clair* annexed to the ſaid Petition, repreſenting 39
her to this Houſe as a proper Object of Compaſſion,were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee to whom the Petition of *Benjamin Moſby* was referred, That they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants, of the County of *Hampſhire*, ſetting forth, That they are reduced to great Diſtreſs and Poverty, by the frequent Incurſions and Depredadations of their mercileſs Enemies, ſo that they are obliged to abandon their Plantations, and leave their Crops unattended, and praying that this Houſe will exempt them from the Payment of the heavy Taxes laid on them for the Support of the War, was preſented to the Houſe and read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr *Bland* reported that the Committee appointed, had according to Order examined the inrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly inrolled,

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the inroll'd Bills, to the Council for their Inſpection.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing Truſtees to Leaſe out certain Lands and Slaves, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and a Blank therein filled up,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs,

Ordered, That Mr *Page* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Bland*, reported that the Committee appointed had according to Order examined into the Merits of the Petition of *William Hunter* to them referr'd, and had come to a Reſolution

Refolution thereupon, which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where the fame was again twice read and agreed to by the Houfe with an Amendment, and is as follows,

Refolved, That the Sum of £.300 *per Annum* be allowed to *William Hunter* Printer, to continue to the End of the next Seffion of Affembly, as a full Confideration for printing the Journal of the Houfe of Burgeffes, Printing the Laws of each Seffion, and fending thirteen of them to every County Court Clerk, one of which to be half bound for the Ufe of the Court, Printing Infpectors Notes and Books, Proclamations, and other public Advertifements.

Ordered, That the faid Refolve be ingroffed, and that M^r *Bland* do carry it to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A written Meffage from the Governor was delivered by M^r *Walthoe*,

M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houfe of Burgeffes,

"I have thought it proper to communicate to your Houfe my Commiffion and "Inftructions to *Peter Randolph* and *William Byrd*, Efqrs; appointed Commiffioners to "treat on Behalf of this Government with the *Catawbas* and *Cherokees*, with my Letter to "thofe Gentlemen, containing fome Obfervations which I judged might prove of Ser- "vice in their Negociations with thofe People, and my two Speeches to the *Catawbas* and "*Cherokees*: And to give you all the Satisfaction I am at prefent capable of, I fend you the "joint Letters of the Commiffioners to me, dated the 17th of laft Month; the Treaty I "have not yet received, nor expect it before their Return."

And the faid written Meffage and Papers therein mentioned, were read and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the whole Houfe to whom the Bill, *For raifing the Sum of £. 20,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*, is recommitted.

M^r *Chifwell* prefented to the Houfe according to Order, a Bill, *For adding certain Lands therein mentioned to the City of* Williamsburg; and the fame was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond Time.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houfe to take into their Confideration, the Report from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, made on *Saturday* the 27th of *March* laft, and referr'd to be confidered this Day,

Ordered, That the Confideration of the faid Report be put off till *Monday* next.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houfe again refolved itfelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For raifing the Sum of £.20,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*; and after fome Time fpent therein, M^r Speaker refumed the Chair, and M^r *Charles Carter* reported that the Committee had had the faid Bill under their further Confideration, but not having Time to go thro' the fame, they had directed him to move for Leave to fit again.

Refolved, That this Houfe will again refolve itfelf into a Committee upon the faid Bill To-morrow.

Several Claims of fundry Perfons, for Provifions found for the Ufe of the Militia ordered out for the Protection of the Frontiers, were prefented to the Houfe and received.

Ordered, That the faid Claims be referr'd to the Committee, to whom the Claims of fundry Perfons for Provifions found for the Ufe of the faid Militia, were heretofore referr'd: That they do examine into, and report the fame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houfe.

Ordered, That M^r *Walker* be added to the faid Committee.

And then the Houfe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tuefday,

Tueſday, April 13th, 1756.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, THAT Mr *Power* and Mr *Clinch*, have Leave to wave their Privilege as Members of this Houſe, and that they be at Liberty to anſwer Indictments to be preferred againſt them reſpectively in the General Court now ſitting.

Reſolved, That any Member of this Houſe, may have Leave to appear as a Witneſs, and give Evidence upon Indictments preferred in the General Court againſt any other Member.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr Speaker,

The Governor has commanded me to lay before your Houſe, a Letter from Colonel *Waſhington* dated at *Winchefter* the 7th Inſtant, incloſing a Letter to him from Lieutenant Colonel *Stephen*, from Fort *Cumberland* of the 4th Inſtant, alſo an Account of a late Engagement with a ſmall Party of *French* and *Indians*, together with a Commiſſion and Inſtructions from *Dumas*, the Commandant of the *French* Forces at Fort *Du Queſne* to Monſieur *Donville* who commanded the above Party, and who was killed in the ſaid Engagement, dated at Fort *Du Queſne* the 23d of *March* laſt. 41

And the ſaid Letters and Papers were read, and ordered to be referr'd to the Committee to whom the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £.20,000, for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*, was referr'd.

Ordered, That Mr *Veal*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till *Wedneſday* Se'nnight, and Mr *Keeling* till *Thurſday* Se'nnight.

A Petition of *William Lightfoot*, Eſq; praying, That he may be allowed for 434 lbs. Tobacco burnt in *Kennon*'s Ware-houſe in the Year 1752.

Alſo a Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Cumberland* in the County of *Lunenburg*, praying a Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Treaſurer be directed to pay the Sum of Twenty Five Pounds out of the Public Money in his Hands, to be divided amongſt the Soldiers who were in, and ſurvived the late Engagement with the *French* and *Indians*, on *North*-River.

A Petition of *Margaret Baker*, ſetting forth, That the Petitioner living on the Frontiers of this Colony, was on the 24th of *April* laſt ſcalped by two *Indians* and miſerably wounded, and that they at the ſame Time robbed her Parents of all they were worth, and praying Relief of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Cocke*, That they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

An Account of Mr *Archibald Cary* againſt the Public, for Tranſportation of Arms and Ammunition from *Warwick* to *Cumberland* and *Albemarle*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Account be referr'd to the Committee, to whom the Petitions of Mr *Anderſon* and Mr *Boyd* were referr'd, That they do examine into the ſeveral Articles thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in, For diſarming Papiſts, and reputed Papiſts refuſing to take the Oaths to the Government, and it is referr'd to Mr Attorney to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of *Alexander Finnie*, ſetting forth, That he had been at great Expence and Trouble in enliſting of Men for the Service of this Colony, by Order of his Honor the Governor,

Governor, and had paid for their Maintenance at Ordinaries in the different Counties, till delivered to the proper Officers, and had alſo paid Sheriffs and Conſtables for bringing in Vagrants, and alſo paid Ferriages for the Soldiers. That upon preſenting his
42 Account to the Committee appointed by Act of Aſſembly, they had allowed him only Eight Pence *per* Day for Maintaining the ſaid Men, tho' he was obliged to pay Fifteen Pence, by which means he has advanced £.37, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee,

It paſs'd in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £20,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, April 14th, 1756.

MR. *Landon Carter* reported, that the Committee appointed, had had under their Conſideration the ſeveral Petitions and Claims of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt in *Coan*, *Deep Creek* and *Pitts*, Warehouſes, together with Memorials of the Inſpectors at *Coan* and *Deep Creek* Warehouſes to them referr'd, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follow.

It appears to this Committee, That 2 Hogſheads of crop Tobacco inſpected in the Year 1753, containing 2109 lb. Nett Tobacco, 1 Hogſhead inſpected in 1754 containing 996 lbs. of nett Tobacco, and 44 Hogſheads inſpected in 1755 containing 42559 lbs. nett Tobacco, alſo 8352 lbs. Transfer nett Tobacco, and 23097 lbs. Transfer Tobacco inſpected in 1755, and alſo 3 Hogſheads containing 3275 lbs. nett Tobacco not inſpected, were burnt in *Coan* Warehouſe.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Proprietors of the ſaid Two Hogſheads inſpected in the Year 1753; of the ſaid Transfer Tobacco, and of the 3 Hogſheads not inſpected, ought to be allowed by the Public at the Rate of 10*ſ.* and 6d. *per* Cent. That the Proprietor of the Hogſhead inſpected in 1754, be allowed at the Rate of 12*ſ.* *per* Cent. That the Proprietors of the 44 Hogſheads inſpected in 1755, be allowed at the Rate of 12*ſ.* and 6*d.* *per* Cent. And that the Proprietors of the Transfer nett Tobacco, be allowed at the Rate of 11*ſ.* *per* Cent.

It alſo appears to this Committee, that 18 Hogſheads of Crop Tobacco, containing 14183 lbs nett Tobacco, and 7470 lbs. Transfer nett Tobacco, were burnt in the Warehouſes at *Deep Creek*.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Proprietors of the ſaid Tobacco ought to be paid by the Public for the Crop at the Rate of 12*ſ.* and 6*d.* *per* Cent. and the Transfer at 11*ſ.* *per* Cent.

Reſolved, That the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt in *Pitts* Warehouſe ought to be
43 provided for by the Bill, for Relief of the Proprietors of Tobacco burnt in *Crutchfield*'s Warehouſe.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom it is referr'd to bring in a Bill, for continuing Part of an Act of Aſſembly therein mentioned, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the two firſt Reſolutions.

Ordered,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill, for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt in *Crutchfield*'s Warehouſe, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, purſuant to the laſt Reſolution.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland*, Mr *John Naſh*, Mr *Thomas Naſh* and Mr *Fleming*, be added to the Committee, to whom the Petitions of Mr *Charles Anderſon* and Mr *William Boyd* are referr'd.

A Claim of *Moris Bledſye*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Bland* reported, that the Committee to whom the Petition of *Walter Boyd* was referred, had examined into the Allegations of the ſaid Petition, and found them to be true, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Walter Boyd* be allowed the Sum of Twelve Pounds, as a full Compenſation for his Expenſe and Trouble in maintaining, and taking Care of the ſaid *Peter Brown*, in the Petition mentioned.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, appointed by an Act of Aſſembly for raiſing £.40,000, that they make an Allowance to the ſaid *Walter Boyd*, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £.20,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*: And after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, together with the ſeveral Papers to the ſaid Committee referred, and had come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

Reſolved, That a Fort be erected in the Country of the *Cherokees*.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, to deſire that his Honor will be pleaſed to pay for erecting the ſaid Fort, out of the Money (which His Majeſty was pleaſed to ſend to him for the Uſe of this Colony) now remaining in his Hands, and which his Honor informed the Committee appointed for the Diſpoſition of £.40,000, ſhould be applied towards the Expedition.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do wait on his Honor the Governor with the ſaid Reſolutions.

Mr *Carter* alſo informed the Houſe, that the Committee not having Time to go thro' 44
the ſaid Bill, they had directed him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe, will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For further amending an Act, intituled, An Act, for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections.*

Alſo a Bill, *For Preſervation of the Cattle bought for the Support of the* Virginia *Forces*, and it is referr'd to Mr *Walker* to prepare and bring in the ſaid Bills.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed, to enquire into the Conduct of the Officers and Men lately ſent out upon an Expedition againſt the *Shawneſe Indians*, and that it conſiſt of the following Perſons, *viz.* Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Martin*, Mr *Hedgman*, Mr *Landon Carter* and Mr *Bland*.

A Claim of *William Green*, Aſſignee of *William Wall*, for ſeveral Services as one of the Militia ordered out for the Protection of the Frontiers.

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Alſo a Claim of the ſaid *William Green* Aſſignee of *Charles Lewis*, for Proviſions found for the Uſe of the ſaid Militia, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referr'd to the Conſideration of the Committee, to whom ſundry other Claims of the ſaid Militia are referr'd.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, April 15th, 1756.

A PETITION of ſundry Pilots ſetting forth, That the Fees for Pilotage as they are now eſtabliſhed by Act of Aſſembly, are not ſufficient to recompence them for their Services in that Buſineſs, and praying, that the Act of Aſſembly for eſtabliſhing Pilots and regulating their Fees may be amended, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That all ſuch Militia Claims as have been preſented to this, and referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, be delivered by the Clerk to the Committee appointed to examine into ſuch Claims.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Reſolve of this Houſe, for allowing *William Hunter* Printer, £.300 *per* Annum, for his Salary.

And that they have inſpected the inrolled Bills, and are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled.

Mr *Carrington* reported, That the Committee appointed had examined the Petitions of *Charles Anderſon* and *William Boyd* to them referr'd, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows,

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petitions are true. That the ſaid *Charles Anderſon*, for 28 Days Service of his Waggon, Driver and Horſes, and for Proviſions in carrying Arms, Amunition, and Goods to Fort *Frederick* be allowed the Sum of £.24 10*ſ*. And that the ſaid *William Boyd* for the ſame Service 25 Days, be allowed the Sum of £.21 17*ſ*. 6*d*., to be paid by the Public.

Mr *Carrington* alſo reported, That the ſaid Committee had examined into the Account of *Archibald Cary* to them referr'd, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Archibald Cary*, for carting Arms to *Cumberland* Court-Houſe, and for the *Cherokee Indians* to *Albemarle*, be allowed the Sum of £.15 Current Money, by the Public.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed by Act of Aſſembly for raiſing £.40,000, to make the ſeveral Allowances purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

Mr *Randolph* reported, that the Committee appointed to enquire into the Conduct of the Officers and Men employed on the late Expedition againſt the *Shawneſe*, had examined ſeveral Witneſſes and agreed upon a Report, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe as follows,

Reſolved, That Major *Andrew Lewis*, who commanded the Expedition, hath diſcharged his Duty with Integrity and Reſolution, and that the ill Succeſs thereof was entirely owing to the refractory and mutinous Behaviour of Captain *Obediah Woodſon*, *John Smith*, and *John Montgomery*, who commanded the Volunteers, and of the ſaid Volunteers.

Ordered,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to deſire that his Honor would be pleaſed to ſtop the Pay of the ſaid *Woodſon*, *Smith*, and *Montgomery*, and that the Officers may never more be employed as Officers in His Majeſty's Service.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported that he had according to Order, waited on the Governor with the Reſolutions of the Committee Yeſterday agreed to by the Houſe, and that his Honor was pleaſed to ſay he would return an Anſwer to them To-day.

A written Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"In Anſwer to your Reſolve, I am to acquaint you, that ſince the Converſation "between your Committee and myſelf, concerning the Application of the Ballance "remaining in my Hands, of the Money His Majeſty was graciouſly pleaſed to ſend for "the Protection of the Colony, I have diſburſed ſeveral large Sums in the Purchaſe of "Beeves and other Neceſſaries for the Forces; however I will engage to furniſh Eight "Hundred Pounds towards that neceſſary Work, the Erecting the Fort you have reſolved "on in the *Cherokee* Country: But I ſhould be glad you would appoint ſome proper Perſons "to make an Eſtimate of the Expence of the Undertaking, that a ſuitable Proviſion may 46
"be made to go on with the Work with Diſpatch and Regularity."

And the ſaid written Meſſage was read and referred to the Committee of the whole Houſe on the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £.20,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Governor, to acquaint him that a Bill has paſſed the Council and this Houſe, intituled, *An Act to enable certain Perſons to contract for the Tranſportation of the Neutral* French *to* Great-Britain; and that this Houſe deſire his Honor would be pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the ſaid Bill, that it may be immediately put in Execution, and that Mr *Landon Carter* do wait on him with the ſaid Meſſage.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £.20,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Saturday* next.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe, on *Monday* next.

Ordered, That Mr *Francis Smith*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, till *Thurſday* next, and Mr *Gray*, till *Wedneſday* next.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr Speaker,

The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of your Houſe in the Council Chamber, and that you bring with you the Bill, *To enable certain Perſons to contract for the Tranſportation of the Neutral* French *to* Great-Britain, to which he is ready to give his Aſſent.

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till *Saturday* next, Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, April 17th, 1756.

THE Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £.20,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

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A Petition of *John Stewart*, ſetting forth, That he was a Soldier in the Forces under the Command of General *Braddock*, and that he was wounded in the Battle on the *Monongahela*, whereby he is render'd incapable of getting a Livelihood, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Hugh Weſt*, Mr *Hedgman*, and Mr
47 *Dangerfield*, That they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

A Claim of *Joſeph Dawſon*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and received,

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Albemarle* County, praying that the Ferry of *William Megginſon* late *James Fenley*'s over the *Fluvanna* may be put down, and another Ferry eſtabliſhed about a Mile above the ſame, from the Land of the ſaid *William Megginſon* on the North Side of the *Fluvanna* to the Land he now dwells on, was preſented to the Houſe and read,

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referr'd to Mr *John Nicholas* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Fairfax* reported, That the Committee appointed had had under their Conſideration, the ſeveral Claims of the Militia drafted out for the Protection of the Frontiers, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place; and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, April 19th, 1756.

A PETITION of *Thomas Johnſon* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That he is ſeized as Tenant in Fee-tail of a certain Tract of Land in *Caroline* County, containing 2765 Acres, and that he is ſeized in Fee-ſimple of a Tract of Land in Louiſa containing 5120 Acres; and that it would be greatly to the Advantage of the Petitioner and his Family, to dock the Intail of the ſaid Lands in *Caroline*, and to ſettle the ſaid Tract of Land in *Louiſa* with Slaves annexed thereto, which will be of greater Value to the ſame Uſes, and praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referr'd to Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr Attorney preſented to the Houſe according to Order, a Bill, *For diſarming Papiſts* and reputed *Papiſts, refuſing to take the Oaths to the Government*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Report made on *Saturday* laſt, from the Committee to whom the ſeveral Claims of the Militia ordered out for the Service of this Colony were referr'd which was ordered to lie on the Table, and the ſame being read,

48 *Ordered*, That the ſaid Report be recommitted to the ſaid Committee.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had

had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, April 20th, 1756.

A MEMBER returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe according to Order a Bill, *For ſupplying the Deficiencies of the ſeveral Funds for the Protection of this Colony, againſt the Encroachments and Depredations of the* French *and* Indians, *and for advancing and ſecuring the Public Credit*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Samuel Overton* and *James Gun*, ſetting forth, That they were ſent out upon the late intended Expedition againſt the *Shawaneſſe*, and that before their Return they each of them loſt their Guns and ſeveral other Things of conſiderable Value, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referr'd to Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Adams*, Mr *Henry Robinſon* and Mr *Bland*, That they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £.20,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*, together with the ſeveral Papers to the ſaid Committee referr'd, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill and Papers under their further Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, to deſire that his Honor will be pleaſed to appoint Major *Andrew Lewis*, and Captain *Samuel Overton*, to manage and overlook the Building a Fort in the *Cherokee* Country, and to aſſure his Honor, that this Houſe will make good any Deficiency that the Sum his Honor has been pleaſed to ſay he would pay towards erecting the ſaid Fort ſhall fall ſhort, ſo as the ſame do not exceed £.2000 in the whole. 49

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter*, do wait on the Governor with the ſaid Reſolution.

Mr *Carter* alſo informed the Houſe, that the Committee not having Time to go thro' the ſaid Bill had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Mr *Weſt* reported, that the Perſons appointed had according to Order examined into the Allegations of the Petition of *John Stewart* to them referr'd, and had agreed upon a Report and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

It appears to us that he was badly wounded in both his Thighs, at the late Engagement on the *Monongahela*, and that he hath ſome Arrears of Pay due to him, and hath not received the £.5 Reward given by Act of Aſſembly to the Soldiers ſurvivng that Engagement.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the ſaid *John Stewart* be allowed the Sum of Twenty Pounds as a Recompence for his Sufferings, and in full of the ſaid £.5 and his Pay.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed by Act of Aſſembly for raiſing the Sum of £.40,000, that they make an Allowance to the ſaid *Stewart* purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

Mr *Benjamin Waller* informed the Houſe, That he had received a Letter from one *Daniel Fiſher* of the City of *Williamſburg*, incloſing a Repreſentation addreſſed to this Houſe, containing very opprobrious Reflections on this Houſe, and a moſt ſcandalous and defamatory Libel againſt himſelf; and he delivered the ſaid Letter and Repreſentation in at the Table, where they were read.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Matters in the ſaid Repreſentation reflect great Diſhonor on the Houſe of Burgeſſes, and contain a ſcandalous and malicious Libel, againſt Mr *Waller* one of the Members of this Houſe,

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Daniel Fiſher*, for writing the ſaid Letter and Libel, is guilty of a Breach of the Privileges of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Daniel Fiſher* be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms, and brought to the Bar of this Houſe, to anſwer for his ſaid Offence.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the ſaid Repreſentation be re-delivered to Mr *Waller*.

And then the Houſe adourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday April 21ſt, 1756.

MR. *Landon Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed had according to Order, examined into the Allegations of the Petition of *Margaret Baker*, to them referr'd and found them to be true, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows,

50 *Reſolved*, That the Petitioner is a great Object of Charity and worthy of the Compaſſion of this Houſe, and that ſhe be put into the hands of ſome ſkilful Surgeon in order for her Cure, and that ſhe be allowed for her Support the Sum of £.8.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed by Act of Aſſembly, for raiſing the Sum of £.40,000, that they make an Allowance to the ſaid *Margaret Baker*, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

Ordered, That the Speaker be deſired to employ ſome Surgeon to perfect the Cure of the ſaid *Margaret Baker*.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing Truſtees to leaſe out certain Lands and Slaves, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, without any Amendment.

A Petition of *John Allen* ſetting forth, That he accompanied Mr *Paris* to the *Cherokee* Nation, and that he loſt his Horſe worth Eight Piſtoles, and that he alſo lately loſt in the Service a Pair of Piſtols, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referr'd to the Committee to whom the Petition of *Samuel Overton* and *James Gun* was referr'd, that they do examine into the Allegations of the ſaid Petition, and report the ſame with their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Randolph* be added to the ſaid Committee.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That he had according to Order waited on his Honor the Governor with the Reſolves of the Committee Yeſterday agreed to by the Houſe; and that his Honor was pleaſed to ſay he was very well pleaſed with that Reſolution,

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and with the Perſons appointed to erect the Fort therein mentioned, and that he would take Care to have the ſame erected according to the Sentiments of the Houſe.

A Bill, *For adding certain Lands therein-mentioned to the City of Williamſburg*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Randolph* reported, That he had according to Order waited on his Honor the Governor, with the Reſolution of the Houſe of the 15th Inſtant, in Relation to the Officers and Men concerned in the Expedition againſt the *Shawneſe*; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſtop the Pay of the Officers and Men mentioned in the ſaid Reſolution according to the Addreſs of this Houſe.

Mr *Fairfax* reported, That the Committee to whom the Claims of the Militia ordered out for the Protection of the Frontiers was recommitted, had again had the ſame under their Conſideration and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe with ſome Amendments as follow.

Reſolved, That the Right Honorable *Thomas* Lord *Fairfax*, County-Lieutenant of *Frederick*, purſuant to Orders by him received from the Governor, ſent to the commanding Officer of the Militia of *Fairfax*, for Part of the Militia of the ſaid County to be ſent to the Aſſiſtance of the Counties of *Frederick* and *Hampſhire*; that at a Meeting of the Militia Officers of the ſaid County of *Fairfax* on the 10th Day of *October*, 1755, it was ordered 51
that Six private Men be drafted from each Troop and Company in the ſaid County, and formed into one Company under the Command of Captain *Lewis Ellzey*, Lieutenant *Sampſon Turley*, and Enſign *Edward Payne*, to march to *Winchester* as ſoon as poſſible, there to receive orders from the Commander in Chief, and that the ſaid Company ſhould be relieved in One Month upon giving Ten Days Notice; that according to the ſaid Order the Militia of the ſaid County of *Fairfax* were drafted and marched to *Winchester*, and from thence ſent Notice to the Officers of *Fairfax* of their Deſire to be relieved at the End of the ſaid Month; that the ſaid Officers expecting the *Virginia* Regiment would be compleated, and the further Service of the Militia rendered unneceſſary, delayed to hold a Council until the 10th Day of *November* following, when ſuch Council was held, and it was ordered that ſix other Men from each Troop and Company ſhould be drafted to relieve Captain *Ellzey*'s Company, that an Expreſs ſhould be ſent to him to inform him thereof, and that his Company ſhould remain in the Service till ſuch Relief; that the ſaid Captain *Ellzey*, with his ſaid Company marched from *Winchester* to the County of *Hampſhire*, and were there ſtationed by *Thomas Bryan Martin*, Eſq; County-Lieutenant of *Hampſhire*, and *George William Fairfax*, Colonel of *Frederick*, with Orders to remain there till further Orders from their commanding Officers; that the following Perſons Part of the ſaid Company, viz. *Gilbert Simpſon* the Younger a Serjeant, *William Peake*, Junior, *William Trammell*, *Gilbert Simpſon*, Junior, *William Scutt*, *William Muſgrove*, *William Hayes*, *Edward Maſterſon*, *William Owſley*, *Mark Chilton*, *Thomas Triplett*, *William Norris*, *William Smith*, *John Stephens*, *Thomas Oſborn*, *George Sanders*, *Joſeph Jones*, *Daniel Shoemaker*, *Joſeph Burſon*, *Joſeph Martin*, *Simon Shoemaker*, *William Stackhouſe*, *John Sinclare*, *David Smith*, *Clement Garner*, *John Dawſon*, *Edward Hardin*, *Nicholas Grimes*, and *Michael Regan*, Junior, continued in the ſaid Service Thirty Days, and then abſented againſt the Orders of the ſaid Captain *Ellzey*, alledging they were ſent out only for one Month, but ſaid they would ſtay a Week longer, if they believed they ſhould be then relieved, which their Captain could not aſſure them of, he not having received any Notice of the Orders of the Council, held the ſaid Tenth of *November*; that the reſt of the ſaid Captain *Ellzey*'s Company with their Officers (except *Philip Grimes*, a Serjeant; who was diſcharged in Fifteen Days being ſick) remained in the Service Fifty Days, and then returned without being relieved, ſuch Relief being ſtopped by the Honorable *William Fairfax*, Eſq; County-Lieutenant of *Fairfax*, who had his Honor the Governor's Order for ſo doing.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the following Claims from the County of *Fairfax*, ought to be paid by the Public, *viz.*

					lbs. Tob.
To *Lewis Ellzey*, Captain, for	50	Days Service, at	30	lbs. of Tobacco *per* day, is	1500
Sampſon Turley, Lieutenant	50	———	25	———	1250
Samuel Tillet, Corporal,	50	———	22	———	1100
James Tillet, Do.	50	———	22	———	1100
Sampſon Demovil, Do.	50	———	22	———	1100
Jeremiah Hutchinſon, Do.	50	———	22	———	1100
Joſeph Stephens, Do.	50	———	22	———	1100
Philip Grimes, Do.	15	———	22	———	330
Gilbert Simpſon, Jr., Do.	30	———	22	———	660

Lbs. Tobacco.

52 To Sixteen Troopers, 50 Days each, at 20 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, *viz. George Shortridge, Benjamin Ladd, Nathan Williamſon, Vincent Boggeſs, Joſeph Fry, Daniel Thomas, Benjamin Hutchinſon, George Simpſon, Holland Middleton, Thomas Shore, William Southard, Robert Watſon*, Servant to *Lewis Ellzey, Thomas Simmonds, John Berkeley*, Junior, *Francis Eaton*, and *William Picket*, 1000 lbs. of Tobacco each. — 16000

To Nine Troopers, with impreſſed Horſes, 50 Days each, at 15 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, *viz. Jeffe Martin, Charles Nowland, Thomas Weſt, John Price, Richard Newall, James Chamberlayne, Thomas Cartwright, David Thomas*, Junior, and *Edward Davis*, 750 lbs. of Tobacco each. — 6750

To Eight Horſes impreſſed for the above Troopers, 50 Days each, at 5 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, belonging to *William Crump, John Williams, Thomas Wyatt, Charles Broadwater, Henry Taylor, Barnaby Curry, John Summers*, and a Perſon unknown, 250 lbs. of Tob. each. — 2000

To Twenty Troopers, 30 Days each, at 10 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, *viz.* *William Peake*, Junior, *William Trammel, Gilbert Simpſon*, Junior, *William Scutt, William Muſgrove, William Hayes, Edward Maſterſon, Mark Chilton, Thomas Triplett, William Norris, William Smith, John Stephens, Thomas Oſborn, George Sanders, Daniel Shoemaker, Joſeph Burſon, Simon Shoemaker, Edward Hardin, Nicholas Grimes*, and *Michael Regan*, Junior, 300 lbs. of Tobacco each, — 6000

To Eight Troopers, with impreſſed Horſes, 30 Days each, at 7 1-2 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, *viz.* *William Owſley, Joſeph Jones, Joſeph Martin, William Stackhouſe, John Sinclare, David Smith, Clement Garner* and *John Dawſon*, 225 lbs. of Tobacco each. — 1800

To Eight impreſſed Horſes, for the above Troopers, 30 Days each, at 5 lbs. of of Tobacco *per* Day, belonging to *Daniel French, Benjamin Satterfield, William Palmer, John Hough, Benjamin Pool, John Cultney, Jacob Morris*, and a Perſon unknown, 150 lbs. of Tob. each. — 1200

Current Money.

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To *Thomas Coulthard*, for a Horſe impreſſed and loſt, appraiſed to	6	—	—
To *Richard Vanlandingham*, an Expreſs,	1	5	—
To *Edward Seed*, Do.	—	5	—
To *Thomas Graffort*, Do.	1	3	4
To *Garret Bolin*, Do.	—	5	—
To *William Sewell*, for an Expreſs, and a Cart and Horſes,	2	8	—
To *William Weſt*, for Neceſſaries, and Expreſſes,	5	10	10
To *John Gladin*, for Neceſſaries for the Soldiers,	2	18	—
To *Richard Moxley*, for Do.	—	16	3
To *Carlyle* and *Dalton* for Powder, Lead, Flints, and for an Expreſs,	6	10	7 1-2
To the Clerk for Ten certified allowed Claims,			200

Reſolved,

lbs. Tobacco.

Reſolved, That the Claims of *Lewis Ellzey*, and *Sampſon Turley*, for Victualing and Lodging themſelves; alſo the Claims of *John Williams*, *Barnaby Curry*, *William Crump* and *John Summers*, for Damage to their Horſes, (no Proof being made of the Valuation of ſuch Damage) together with the Claims of *Edward Payne*, an Enſign, and *Richard Duly* a Trooper, (they having deſerted the Service) ought not to be paid by the Public.

Reſolved, That the following Claims from the County of *Culpeper*, ought to be paid by the Public, *viz.*

To *William Ruffel*, Lieutenant-Colonel, 16 Days, at 40 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, 640

To *William Brown*, Captain, 95 30 2850

Fifteen Shillings to be deducted out of his Pay for three Hides, ſold by him belonging to the Country.

To *John Field*, Lieutenant, 95 Days, at 25 lbs of Tobacco *per* Day 2375

To Do. for two Horſes impreſſed, and employed in the Service Ninety Days, appraiſed at 15 lbs. Tobacco each *per* Day, 2700

To *George Wetherall*, Serjeant, 95 Days, at 18 lbs. Tob. *per* Day, 1710

Roger Dixon, Aſſignee of *William Nalle*, Jun. Do. 92 Days, at 18 lbs. Tob. *per* Day 1656

William Nalle, the Elder, Do. 95 18 1710

Charles Yancy, Enſign, 95 20 1900

John Strother, Captain, 95 30 2850

Francis Strother, Lieutenant, 95 25 2375

William Robards, Enſign, 95 20 1900

To *Stephen Rogers*, Serjeant, 95 Days, at 18 lbs. Tob. *per* Day. 1710

John Cambill, Do. 95 18 1710 53

Henry Cambill, Do. 95 18 1710

Sallis Hansford, Do. 95 18 1710

To Do. for one Horſe impreſſed and employed in the Service 18 Days, appraiſed at 15 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, after deducting 40 lbs. of Tobacco for one Pair of Shoes, is 230

To Eight Foot Soldiers, Nintey-five Days each, at 15 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, *viz.*
Francis Cooper, *William M'Daniel*, *John Thomas*, *Miles Murfee*, *John Hayes*, *John Graham*, aſſigned to *John Strother*, *John Shereld*, aſſigned to Do, and *William Wall*, aſſigned to *William Green*, after deducting 40 lbs. of Tobacco from each for Shoes, is 1385 lbs. each. 11080

To Nineteen Foot Soldiers, Ninety-five Days each, *viz.*
Jacob Browning, *William Boworn*, *John Laton*, *Richard Burt*, *Richard Parks*, *Nicholas Yager*, *Cornelius Mitchell*, *John Browning*, *William Tapp*, *Samuel Moore*, *John Withorit*, *John Strother*, Aſſignee of *James Gilliſon*, *Benjamin Morgan*, *John Stropſhire*, *David Bridges*, *Roger Dixon*, Aſſignee of *John Younger*, *John Browner*, and *George Goggan*, *Martin Nall*, Aſſignee of *Murdock M'Kenſie*, 1425 lbs. of Tobacco each. 27075

To *William Eaſtham*, Aſſignee of *Jacob Wall*, a Foot Soldier, Ninety-five Days, at 15 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day. 1425

To *William Ruffell*, for his Servant *John Dixon*, Wright, a Foot Soldier, 12 Days, 180

To *Roger Dixon*, Aſſignee of *Daniel Delaney* and *Alexander Baxter*, a Foot Soldier, 92 Days each. 2760

To *John Cave*, *James Naſh*, *William Twiman*, and *Joel Yarbrough*, Foot Soldiers, each 92 Days, 1380 lbs. each. 5520

To *Francis Grant*, a Foot Soldier, 83 Days, 1245

To

lbs. Tobacco.

To *Adam Waland*, *Adam Barter*, *John Grefon*, *John Relfback*, *Andrew Carpenter*, *Lewis Fifher*, *John Gloor*, *Matthias Weaver*, *Chriftopher Barter*, *Timothy Swindel*, *John Clunketpeter*, *Matthias Rouce*, and *Michael Yager*, Foot Soldiers, each 7 Days, 105 lbs. of Tobacco each. 1365

To *John Crim*, *Jacob Haroback*, and *Harman Young*, Foot Soldiers each 10 Days, 150 lbs. of Tobacco each. 450

To *Henry Gains*, a Foot Soldier, 8 Days, 120

To *Henry Stringfellow*, 13 Days, at 20 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, 260

To *William Roberts*, for one Horfe impreffed and employed 18 Days, appraifed at 15 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, 270

To *Francis Strother*, for the fame Service, 270

To *John Strother*, Affignee of *William Stropfhire*, for the fame Service, 270

To *John Strother*, Affignee of *James Gillifon*, for the fame Service, 270

To *John Strother*, Affignee of *Benjamin Morgan*, for the fame Service, 270

To *John Strother*, Affignee of *Robert M'Clanahan*, for one Cow for the Militia, appraifed to 600

To *William Brown*, Affignee of *John Hite*, for one Sheep and two Shoats, for Do. appraifed to 303

To Do. for 591 Pounds of Flour and two Bags, for Do. appraifed to 1382

To *John Strother*, Affignee of *Robert M'Coy*, for Bread for Do. appraifed to 100

To Do. Affignee of *Sarah Chefter*, for one Sheep for Do. appraifed to 150

To Do. Affignee of *John Hite*, for ½-Barrel of Indian-Meal, for Do. appraifed to 80

To Do. Affignee of *Robert M'Coy*, for one Steer for Do. appraifed to 350

To Do. Affignee of *Charles Perkins*, for 2½ Days, for a Waggon, Horfes and Driver, appraifed 150 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, 375

To *George Wetherall*, for 5 Loaves of Bread, appraifed to 40

To *Samuel Moore*, for one barrel of Corn, appraifed to 100

To *William Roberts*, for Meat and Bread, appraifed to 160

To *William Johnfon*, for Do. appraifed to 310

To *William Duncan*, for Beef, appraifed to 300

To *John Strother*, for Beef, Bread, Salt, and three Bags, appraifed to 510

To *John Roffen*, Affignee of *William Judd*, for one Horfe impreffed and employed 8 Days, appraifed to 15 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, 120

To *William Green*, Affignee of *Charles Lewis*, for one Cow, Weight 450 lbs. Nett, appraifed to 700

To the Clerk for certifying 84 allowed Claims, 200

54 *Refolved*, That the following Claims from the County of *Prince William*, ought to be paid by the Public, *viz.*

			lbs. Tob.
To *John Frogg*, Major,	23 Days, at	40 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day,	920
William Baylis, Captain,	80	30	2400
Richard Taylor, Lieutenant of Horfe,	93	30	2790
William Splane, Do.	93	30	2790
William Farrow, Coronet,	93	25	2325
Samuel Porter, Corporal,	93	22	[1] 2325
Jacob Spilman, Do.	93	22	2325
William Whalley, Do.	93	22	2325
Lewis Renno, Do.	93	22	2325
William Buchanan, Do.	66	22	1452
Thomas Hoard, Do.	66	22	1452
George Kenner, Do.	66	22	1452
Henry Floyd, Serjeant,	66	18	1188
Foufhee Tebbs, Captain,	13	30	390
John Baylis, Do.	26	30	780

James

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lbs. Tob.

James Seaton, Lieutenant of Foot, 26 25 650
Richard Hampton, Do. 22 25 550

To Fifteen Troopers, Ninety-three Days, each, at 20 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, *viz.* *Joſeph Nevill*, *Richard Matthews*, *Benjamin Wilſon*, *Stephen Morris*, *Thomas Marſhall*, *Richard Marſhall*, *John Lutrell*, *Thomas Doyle*, *Joſhua Welch*, *Nathaniel Freeman*, *Standley Singleton*, *Samuel Balſon*, *John Murray*, *William Fielder*, and *Andrew Cannaird*, 1860 lbs. of Tobacco each. 27900

To Twenty-one Troopers, Sixty-ſix Days each at 20 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, *viz.* *John M'Millon*, *Henry Kemper*, *John Fiſhback*, *Clement Norman*, *Joſeph Martin*, *Richard Byrns*, *Peter Pierce*, *Michael Lynn*, *John Cornwell*, *John Dowell*, *William Key*, *Robert Nevill*, *Thomas Gardiner*, *Charles Smith*, *Iſaac Gibſon*, *Benjamin Edwards*, *John Coreham*, *Griffin Matthews*, *John Bland*, Junior, *William Peak*, and *William Berry*, 1320 lbs. of Tobacco each. 27720

To *Gilbert Crupper*, a Trooper, 9 Days, at 20 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, 180
To *William Barr*, Do. 8 20 160
To *Nathaniel Overall*, Do. 13 20 260
To *Samuel Grigſby*, Do. 9 20 [1] 186

To Fifteen Foot Soldiers, Ninety-three Days each, at 15 lbs. of Tob. *per* Day, *viz.* *Nicholas Hill*, *John Bolling*, *Edward Oneal*, *Joſeph Neal*, *John Carter*, *Thomas Shirley*, *Lewis Oden*, *John Green*, *Martin Suttle*, *David Parſons*, *George Roſe*, *John Low*, *James Crockett*, *William Suttle*, and *William Bowling*, 1395 lbs. of Tobacco each. 20925

To Six Foot Soldiers, 66 Days each, at 15 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day, *viz.* *Iſaac Settle*, *William Jennings*, *Valentine Barton*, *William Crouch*, *Moſes Coppage*, and *John Rice*, 990 lbs. of Tobacco each. 5940

To *William Baylis*, for paid *John Edwards*, *per* Receipt, 12 *f.*
To *George Calvert*, Junior, for an Expreſs, 6*f.* 8*d.*
To the Clerk for certifying two allowed Claims. 40

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Claims of *William Baylis*, for paid *Lewis Caffelman*, *John Hite*, and *Enoch Pearſon*; alſo the Claims of *John Baylis*, for paid *Owen Jenkins*, *Robert Pearis*, *Enoch Pearſon*, and *James Lemen*, and the Claim of *Henry Lee*, for paid ſaid *Lemen*, ought not be paid by the Public, it not appearing for what the ſame were paid.

Reſolved, That the following Claims from Hampſhire County, ought to be paid by the Public, *viz.*

To *George Parker*, for 2 Hogs appraiſed to 510
To *John Decker*, for one Barrel of Corn, appraiſed to 120
To *John Kirkendale*, for 6 Buſhels, 3½ Pecks of Corn, and 1½ Buſhels of Wheat appraiſed to 175
To *Sarah Decker*, for 3 Buſhels of Corn, appraiſed to 72
To *John Foreman*, for 5 Buſhels of Wheat, appraiſed to 180
To *William Buffington*, for one Cow, appraiſed to 450
To Do. for 15 Buſhels of Wheat, 5 Buſhels and 3 Pecks of Corn, appraiſed to 601
To Do. for 2½ Buſhels of Wheat, and 23 lbs. of Flour, appraiſed to 124
To *Margaret Snider*, for 2½ Buſhels of Corn, appraiſed to 45
To *Mary Snider*, for one Hog and one Shoat, appraiſed to 200
To *Nathaniel Kirkendale*, for 2 Steers, appraiſed to 1300
To Do. for 2½ Buſhels of Corn, appraiſed to 60
To Do. for one Hog and 5 Buſhels of Corn, appraiſed to 402
To *Henry Vanmeter*, for 3 Beeves, appraiſed to 1080
To Do. for 3 Buſhels of Salt, 360

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	lbs. Tob.
To *Thomas M'Guire*, for 3 Buſhels of Corn, appraiſed to	72
To *Benjamin Kirkendale*, for 5 Buſhels of Corn, appraiſed to	120

	Current Money.		
To *David Gummery*, for 8 Barrels of Corn, valued at	£. 4	—	—
To *William Buffington*, for 6 Buſhels of Wheat, valued at	—	16	6
To Do. for 4 Steers and one Mutton, appraiſed at	8	12	—
To Do. for 2 Steers, appraiſed at	5	8	—
To *George Parker*, Aſſignee of *James Fowler*, for one Cow, appraiſed at	1	16	3
To *Benjamin Kirkendale*, for Pork and Flour, valued at	1	16	3
To *Henry Vanmeter*, for Beef, Pork, Flour, and Corn, valued at	11	2	2
To *Abraham Hite*, for 19 Buſhels of Corn, valued at	1	18	—
To *John Kirkendale*, for Beef, Flour, Pork, and Salt, valued at	5	12	1
To *Job Pearſall*, for one Hog and Salt, valued at	1	6	4
To *Joſeph Edwards*, for 1265 lbs. of Flour, and Bread, valued at 12*ſ.* 6*d. per* Hundred	7	18	1½
To Do. for Cheeſe and Salt, valued at	—	8	7½
To Do. for Paſturage of Horſes,	1	1	6
To *David Edwards*, for one Cow, appraiſed at	2	—	—

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Claims from the County of *Auguſta*, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, to be more fully explained, and for a regular Return from the Officers of the Militia.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Tobacco Claims mentioned in the ſaid Report be paid in Money.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, *For raiſing the ſum of* £.20,000 is referred, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions.

A Petition of *Richard Paris*, ſetting forth, That he was ordered by the Governor, laſt September, to go to the *Cherokee* Nation, in Order to bring a Number of them to the Aſſiſtance of this Colony: That he was there much impeded in his Solicitations by the *North Carolina* Traders, who endeavoured to perſuade the Indians, that he only wanted them to hunt, 'til they got Deer-Skins enough to pay him a Debt they owed him of 2586 lbs. Deer-Leather; upon which, to remove all Doubt, the Petitioner told them, he would forgive them the Debt, and burn his Books, which he accordingly did; and thereupon 82 of their Warriors marched with him, and joined Major *Lewis* in the Expedition againſt the *Shawneſe*, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of* £.20,000, *for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* re-
56 ported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Mr *Henry Robinſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For appointing Commiſſioners to take and ſtate Accounts of the Tobacco lately burnt in Crutchfield and Pitt's Warehouſes, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned 'til To-morrow Morning, Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday,

Thurſday, April 22d, 1756.

Ordered, THAT the Petition of *Richard Paris* Yeſterday preſented to the Houſe, and ordered to lie on the Table, be refer'd to Mr *Cary*, Mr *Cocke*, and Mr *Adams*; That they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Landon Carter* reported, that the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, examined into the Allegations of the Petition of *Samuel Overton* and *James Gunn*, and alſo the Petition of *John Allen* to them referr'd; and had agreed upon a Report, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

It appears to us, from the Information of Major *Lewis*, that there were not Arms enough provided by the Public for the People that went on the Expedition; That Mr *Overton* carried two Guns, that he borrowed, one of which, of the Value of five Piſtoles, was loſt by a Canoe's overſetting in croſſing a River, and the other, of the Value of two Piſtoles and an Half, was, by the Direction of Major *Lewis*, given to an Indian Warrior. And it further appeared to us, that Mr *Overton* left his Horſe, Saddle and Bridle, with a ſick Man, who hath not been heard of ſince, and the Horſe was then tired.

It alſo appeared to us, from the ſame Information, that Mr *Gunn* carried with him a valuable Gun, which was loſt in the ſame Manner, and that his Horſe tired, and was left behind.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Samuel Overton* ought to be allowed the Sum of 8£. 1*ſ*. 3*d*. for his two Guns, and the Sum of £.13 for his Horſe, Saddle and Bridle.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *James Gunn* ought to be allowed the Sum of 5£. 7*ſ*. 6*d*. for his Gun, and the Sum of £.8 for his Horſe.

It appears to us, that the ſaid *John Allen*, by the Governor's Direction, accompanied Capt. *Paris* to the *Cherokee* Nation; That he bought a Horſe here, and brought him to Fort *Frederick*, where he left him, when he went on the Expedition againſt the *Shawneſe*, and could not find him on his Return; That at the Time the Canoe overſet, in which he was with Capt. *Overton*, be left a Pair of Piſtols.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *John Allen* ought not to be paid for the ſaid Horſe. 57

Reſolved, That he ought to be paid forty Shillings for the ſaid Piſtols.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed by the Act of Aſſembly for raiſing £.40,000, to make an Allowance to the ſaid *Samuel Overton*, *James Gunn* and *John Allen* purſuant to the firſt, ſecond and fourth Reſolutions.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, upon the Bill *For raiſing the ſum of £.20,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; And he read them in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again read, and Part thereof agreed to, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be put off till To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Chaplain of this Houſe attend, to read Prayers, every Morning, at Nine o'Clock.

Mr *John Nicholas* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For appointing a public Ferry, and for diſcontinuing a former one*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Friday,

Friday, April 23d, 1756.

A PETITION of *Richard Woods*, *David Cloyd* and *Joſeph Lapſley*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That they are attending, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, in Obedience to the Order of this Houſe, for having been guilty of a Riot, and interrupting the Election of Burgeſſes, for the County of *Auguſta*. That they are altogether innocent of the Matter with which they are charged, as they were ſo far from being concerned in, or encouraging the Tumult, that happened on that Occaſion, that the Petitioner *Woods* often applied to the Sheriff, deſiring him to command Aſſiſtance to ſuppreſs the ſame, and offering his own Aſſiſtance therein. All which they can prove by many Witneſſes, whoſe Depoſitions are taken and ſworn to before a Magiſtrate in that County, as their perſonal Attendance, at ſo great a Diſtance, eſpecially at this Time, when their Families would be expoſed to Danger from the Enemy, in their Abſence, would be very inconvenient, and ſubmitting themſelves to the Judgment of this Houſe, and praying to be diſcharged out of Cuſtody.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referr'd to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe,

58 Mr *Cary* reported, that the Perſons to whom the Petition of *Richard Paris* was referred, had examined into the ſame, and agreed upon a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

It appears to us, that the ſaid *Paris* was ſent by the Governor to the *Cherokee* Nation, to endeavour to bring ſome of their Warriors to our Aſſiſtance; that he had been a Trader there four or five Years, and had due to him, from the *Indians*, a large quantity of Deer-Leather; that the *Carolina* Traders ſpirited up the *Indians* againſt him, and purſuaded them to kill him; ſuggeſting he only wanted to ſecure his own Debts, andu pon this he freely forgave them all they owed, to convince them that he was ſent by this Government; and in Conſequence thereof, eighty odd of them immediately came with him to Fort *Frederick*, and joined in the Expedition intended againſt the *Shawneſe*.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Richard Paris* be allowed the Sum of £.100 towards reimburſing his Loſs.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, appointed by Act of Aſſembly for raiſing £.40,000, that they make an Allowance to the ſaid *Richard Paris*, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Mr *Wager* do pay to Mr *John Tabb* all his juſt Expences, ſo far as relates to the Witneſſes, Papers and Records, produced before the Committee of Privileges and Elections, to prove the Allegation of that Part of his Petition, touching the ſaid *William Wager*'s good or bad Votes, and alſo as to the Legality of the Votes of thoſe Perſons, who voted for Mr *Tabb*, and were objected to by Mr *Wager*.

Ordered, That the ſaid *John Tabb* do pay to the ſaid *William Wager* his juſt Expences in defending himſelf againſt that Part of the ſaid Petition, charging him with treating the Freeholders of his County before the Day of Election.

Mr *Walker* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For further amending an Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill *For appointing Commiſſioners to take and ſtate Accounts of the Tobacco lately burnt in Crutchfield and Pitts Warehouſes, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Commitee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but had made no Amendments thereto.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to the further Conſideration of the Report from the Committee of the whole Houſe, made Yeſterday, on the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.20,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*, and 59
the ſame being again read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, as amended, be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

A Bill *For appointing a public Ferry, and for diſcontinuing a former one*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *John Nicholas*, Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Cary*.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for adding certain Lands, therein mentioned, to the City of Williamſburg*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill *For diſarming Papiſts, and reputed Papiſts, refuſing to take the Oaths to the Government*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Pendleton* reported, that the Committee, to whom the Bill *For continuing Part of an Act of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but, not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſove itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Saturday, April 24th, 1756.

A PETITION of ſundry Inhabitants of *Lancaſter* County, praying, That *Dymers* and *Indian-Creek* Warehouſes may be put under ſeparate Inſpections, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That *John Frog*, Sheriff of *Prince-William*, be ſent for, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, to ſhew Cauſe why he has not returned the Writ for electing a Burgeſs for the ſaid County, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms do go with the Mace into the General Court, and the other Apartments of the Capitol, and ſummon the Members of the Houſe to attend their Duty, which was done accordingly.

Upon a Motion made, 60

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe immediately.

The Houſe was accordingly called over, Excuſes were made for the abſent Members, which were allowed.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of £.25,000, for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs,

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

The Treaſurer, according to Order, laid his Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer's Accounts be referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Cary*, Mr *Page*, and Mr *John Nicholas*, and that they do examine the ſeveral Articles thereof, and report the Ballance, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe.

Mr *Carrington* reported that the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Mary Burney*, Widow, was referred, had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that the ſaid *Mary Burney*, for the Services of her late Huſband, *Thomas Burney* deceaſed, in the ſaid Petition mentioned, ought to be allowed the Sum of Ten Pounds by the Public.

Ordered, That it be an inſtruction to the Committee, appointed by Act of Aſſembly for raiſing £.40,000, to make an Allowance to the ſaid *Mary Burney*, Widow, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

Mr Attorney, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *Richard Woods*, *David Cloyd* and *Joſeph Lapſley* to them referred, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follows.

The Witneſs *William Luſk* depoſed that he ſaw the ſaid *Woods*, *Cloyd* and *Lapſley* go peaceably and quietly into the Court Houſe, and give their Votes, and then come out again, and that he ſaw no Miſbehaviour in them, during the Poll, and that he, the Deponent, was appointed by the Sheriff to ſtand at the Bar, to keep the Voters from crowding in too faſt.

Reſolved, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Matter ought to be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That as well, the Sheriff of the ſaid County of *Auguſta*, as the ſaid *Woods*, *Cloyd* and *Lapſley*, be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes, touching the Behaviour of any Perſon or Perſons, in the Day appointed for the Election of Burgeſſes, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, before any Magiſtrate of the ſaid County, giving to each other
61 ten Days Notice of the Time and Place of Examination, and that the Depoſitions, ſo to be taken, be returned to the Clerk of this Houſe, before the Meeting of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Woods*, *Cloyd* and *Lapſley*, be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, without paying Fees.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For continuing Part of an Act of Aſſembly therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

A Bill *For ſupplying the Deficiencies of the ſeveral Funds for the Protection of this Colony againſt the Encroachments and Depredations of the* French *and* Indians, *and for advancing and ſecuring the public Credit*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe on *Monday* next.

The Houſe being informed that *Thomas Jett*, Sheriff of *King George*, had behaved ill in the Execution of his Office, at the Election of Burgeſſes for that County.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Matter be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they do enquire into the ſame, and report their opinion thereupon to the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *John Weſt* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd 'til *Monday* Morning Ten o'Clock.

Monday, April 26th, 1756.

A MEMBER returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

A written Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"I recommend to your immediate Conſideration a Letter from Col. *Waſhington*, "and ſeveral others from the Officers of our Forces, by which you may be convinced "what a miſerable Situation our poor People are in on our Frontiers; I expect you will "ſeriouſly reflect upon the Contents of the Letters now ſent to you, and hope they will "make ſuch an Impreſſion on you, ſo as to rouſe you to diſcharge with a true Spirit, "your Duty to your King and Country; and to diſpatch the Buſineſs before you with all "poſſible Expedition. In the mean Time I deſire you will give Leave to ſuch of the "Members of your Houſe, as are Officers in the Frontier Counties, to repair immediately "to their reſpective Poſts, as I intend forthwith to give orders for raiſing the Militia "of thoſe Counties."

And the ſaid written Meſſage, and the Letters therein mentioned was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe, immediately. 62

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid written Meſſage and Letters, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments, as follows.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, to aſſure his Honor, that this Houſe is deeply affected with the miſerable Situation of the poor People on our Frontiers; that we ſhall readily give Leave to ſuch of our Members as are Officers in the Frontier Counties, to repair to their reſpective Poſts; and that we ſhall always diſcharge our Duty to our King and Country, with that true Spirit and Diſpatch, which the Nature of public Conſultations will admit of.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do wait on his Honor the Governor with the ſaid Addreſs.

A Bill, *For further amending an Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe, immediately.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The ſeveral Orders of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For ſupplying the deficiencies of the ſeveral Funds, for the Protection of*

of this Colony, againſt the Encroachments and Depredations of the French *and* Indians, *and for advancing and ſecuring the public Credit*; alſo upon the Bill, *For continuing Part of an Act of Aſſembly therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon each of the ſaid Bills, reſpectively, To-morrow.

A Petition of *Obediah Woodſon*, ſetting forth, That he hath been inform'd, that at a Council of War, held by Major *Andrew Lewis*, and Part of the Officers under his Command, he with ſome other Officers were declared Deſerters; and that the ill Succeſs of the Expedition intended againſt the *Shawneſe* was entirely owing to the refractory and mutinous Behaviour of the Petitioner: That the ſaid Charge againſt the Petitioner is highly unjuſt, as he is able to prove by many creditable Witneſſes, and praying that his Conduct and Behaviour may be enquired into, and that he may have it in his Power to manifeſt his Innocence, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be committed,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

63 A Petition of M^r^ *Thomas Turner*, complaining of an undue Election and Return, of M^r^ *Charles Carter*, Junior, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *King-George*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Ten o'Clock.

Tueſday, April 27th, 1756.

Ordered, THAT the Chaplain to this Houſe attend to read Prayers every Morning at Ten o'Clock.

An ingroſſed Bill intituled, *An Act for diſarming Papiſts, and reputed Papiſts, refuſing to take the Oaths to the Government*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r^ Attorney do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council, by M^r^ *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty-five Thouſand Pounds, for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Bill, *For adding certain Lands to the City of* Williamſburg, without any Amendments.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to take and ſtate Accounts of the Tobacco lately burnt in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r^ *Henry Robinſon* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

M^r^ Attorney, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of M^r^ *Thomas Turner*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of M^r^ *Charles Carter*, Junior, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *King-George*, to them referred, and had come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Matter of the ſaid Petition be heard before the Committee, on *Friday* next, at nine o'Clock in the Morning.

Reſolved, That as well the Petitioner as ſitting Member, do then produce before the Committee ſuch Witneſſes as they judge neceſſary to examine touching the Premiſſes.

Mr Attorney alſo reported, That the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration, the Information given to this Houſe againſt *Thomas Jett*, Sheriff of the ſaid County, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows. 64

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Thomas Jett* was guilty of a notorious Breach of his Duty, at the late Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the ſaid County.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Thomas Jett* be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms, and brought to the Bar of this Houſe, to anſwer for his ſaid Offence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For ſupplying the Deficiencies of the ſeveral Funds, for the Protection of this Colony, againſt the Encroachments and Depredations of the* French *and* Indians, *and for advancing and ſecuring the public Credit.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, on *Monday* next.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For continuing Part of the Act of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and made an Amendment thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments, as amended, be engroſſed and read a third Time.

A Petition of *Alexander Mackie*, ſetting forth, That he furniſhed Captain *Woodſon*, by order of the Governor, with ſundry Neceſſaries on the late Expedition, amounting to £. 52 4*ſ*. 1¼ for the Uſe of the Service, and to Captain *Smith* and *Paris*, Sundries to the Amount of £.37 0*ſ*. 3*d*. for the ſame Service. That one *John*————, aſſigned to the Petitioner his Account of Cartage of the ſaid Goods, to Fort *Frederick*, amounting to £.14 19*ſ*. 2½ and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Cary*, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Thomas Moreton*, ſetting forth, That in the late intended Expedition againſt the *Shawneſe*, he loſt a valuable Horſe, Saddle and Bridle, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and the the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For appointing an Agent to ſolicit the Affairs of this Colony in* Great-Britain, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Landon Carter* to prepare and bring in the ſame. 65

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For further amending an Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration,

but

but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, To-morrow.

A Claim of *William Picket*, for taking up a Runaway, therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That Mr *Lee*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe the Remainder of this Seſſion.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday April 28th, 1775.

MR. *Charles Carter*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For appointing an Agent*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For further amending an Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter*, reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Petition of *Henry Bayley*, ſetting forth, That he ſerved as a Soldier in the late Engagement with the *French* on the *Monongahela*, where he received a Wound, which has rendered him incapable of getting his Livelihood, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Adams*, Mr *Thomas Tabb*, and Mr *Johnſon*, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Randolph* reported, That the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Alexander Mackie* was referred, had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had come to a
66 Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Alexander Mackie* ought to be paid by the Public the Sum of £.103 14*ſ.* 2*d.* the Ballance due to him for Goods furniſhed on Account of the Expedition againſt the *Shawneſe*, and for the Hire of two Waggons from *John Thompſon* for the Uſe of the ſaid Expedition.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, appointed by Act of Aſſembly for raiſing £.40,000, that they make an Allowance to the ſaid *Alexander Mackie*, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That he had, according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor, with the Addreſs of this Houſe, in Anſwer to his written Meſſage, to the Houſe of *Monday* laſt, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer, That he was ſatisfied with the Proceedings of the Houſe in that Reſpect.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday,

Thurſday, April 29th, 1756.

AN ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending an Act for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt at* Bolling*'s Point Warehouſe in the County of* Dinwiddie, *and for the Relief of the Proprietors of Tobacco burnt in* Coan *and* Deep *Creek Warehouſes*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe.*

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to take and ſtate Accounts of the Tobacco lately burnt in* Crutchfield*'s and* Pitt*'s Warehouſes, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Bill intituled, *An Act for diſarming Papiſts and reputed Papiſts, refuſing to take the Oaths to the Government*, without any Amendment.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor, That he will be pleaſed in this Time of iminent Danger to appoint an Officer, with a Number of Men not exceeding Twelve, as a Guard to the public Magazine in the City of *Williamſburg*, and to aſſure his Honor, that this Houſe will provide for the Support and Maintenance of the ſaid Guard.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland*, do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts, had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had compared all the Articles with the Vouchers thereof, and rectified ſome Miſtakes, and had received of the Treaſurer £.3,960 13*ſ.* in Treaſury Notes, due the 30th of *June* next, which remained in his Hands not iſſued, and which they have burnt and deſtroyed; and that it appeared to the ſaid Committee that the ſaid Accounts are now duly ſtated, and that the Ballance in the Hands of the Treaſurer is £.2,122 12*ſ.* 6*d.* Current Money, and £.18,680 15*ſ.* 9*d.* 67
in Treaſury Notes, of the £.40,000 to be by him accounted for, and he delivered the ſaid Accounts in at the Table.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the ſaid Report, and the ſame was read and agreed to.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Accounts do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the Treaſurer's Accounts to the Council for their Concurrence.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and it is referred to Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be prepared to be laid before His Majeſty, to aſſure him of our inviolable Attachment to his Royal Houſe, and to repreſent the deplorable and diſtreſſed State of our Colony, from the Cruel and bloody Murders now committed on Numbers of our Inhabitants in the Frontiers of this Colony, by the *French* and *Indians* in their Alliance; and alſo to inform His Majeſty, that in Order to preſerve this His moſt ancient Colony, to the Crown of *Great-Britain*, we have, from Time to Time, raiſed ſuch large Sums of Money for an Army here, that has involved this Country in ſuch a Manner, that without His further Aſſiſtance we muſt inevitably ſink under our preſent Load of Debts, and become a Prey to our Enemies; and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Preſley Thornton*, and Mr *Wormley*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council to inform them thereof, and that this Houſe have appointed ſix of their Members to join with ſuch a Number of the Council as they ſhall think proper to appoint, in Order to draw the ſame, if they ſhall incline to concur with them therein, and that Mr *Landon Carter* do go up with the ſaid Meſſage.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Robert Wade*, ſetting forth, That the Ferriage by Law eſtabliſhed, for the Tranſportation of Tobacco over *Roanoke* River, in *Halifax*, where he is Ferry-Keeper, is too inconſiderable to enable him to maintain the ſaid Ferry, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe therein, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Bill, *For appointing an Agent*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to join with this Houſe in an Addreſs to be preſented to His Majeſty, and that they have appointed three of their Members to meet, and in Conjunction with thoſe appointed by this Houſe, to prepare the ſame.

68 The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For further amending an Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, that this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Mr *Adams* reported, That the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Henry Bayley* was referred, had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that the ſaid *Henry* ought to be allowed the Sum of £.7 10*ſ.* in full for his Pay, and as a Recompence for his Wounds, and for the £.5 given by Act of Aſſembly to Soldiers in the Engagement on the *Monongahela*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed by Act of Aſſembly, for raiſing £.40,000, that they make an Allowance to the ſaid *Henry*, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, April 30th, 1756.

Ordered, THAT Mr *William Waller* and Mr *Bridger* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

Mr Attorney from the Committee of Privileges and Elections reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Return of the Writs for Election of Burgeſſes for the Counties of *Prince-William* and *King-William*, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and

and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the Returns of the ſaid Writs are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

A Petition of Mr *William Bernard*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Philip Ludwell Lee*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Weſtmoreland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Treaſurer's Accounts. 69

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending an Act, intituled An Act, for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt at* Bolling's *Point Warehouſe, in the County of* Dinwiddie, *and for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt in* Coan *and* Deep-*Creek Warehouſes*, without any Amendment.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Sums following be paid to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, reſpectively.

	£.	ſ.	d.
To *John Randolph*, Eſq; Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,	200	—	—
To *Nathaniel Walthoe*, Eſq; Clerk of the General Aſſembly,	60	—	—
To the Reverend Mr *William Yates*, Chaplain,	40	—	—
To Mr *Francis Eppes*, Serjeant at Arms,	50	—	—
To Do. for a Meſſenger ſent to the County of *Auguſta*, for bringing down *Woods*, *Cloyd* and *Lapſley*, purſuant to an Order of this Houſe,	12	10	—
To Mr *John Palmer*, Clerk of the Committee of Privileges and Elections,	45	—	—
To Mr *Thomas Everard*, for his Services,	20	—	—
To the Door-Keeper of the Council,	7	10	—
To *William Francis*,	7	10	—
To *Thomas Broadrib*,	7	10	—
To *Andrew Lindſay*,	7	10	—
To *James Lavie*,	7	10	—

(Door-Keepers to the Houſe,)

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr *Landon Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of Capt. *Robert Stobo*'s Letter to his Honor the Governor, laid before this Houſe on *Wedneſday* the 30th *Ultimo*, and then ordered to lie on the Table; and the ſame being read,

Reſolved, That the Sum of £.*300* be paid to the ſaid *Robert Stobo*, in Conſideration of his Services to the Country, and his Sufferings in his Confinement as a Hoſtage at *Quebec*.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, appointed by Act of Aſſembly for raiſing £.40,000, to ſend the ſaid Sum of Money to the ſaid Capt. *Stobo*, by the firſt ſafe Conveyance.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For appointing an Agent*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr Attorney, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of Mr *Thomas Turner*, to them referr'd, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Charles Carter* Junior,

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to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *King-George*, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which he read
70 in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follow.

This Day being apppointed to hear as well the Petitioner and his Witneſſes, as the ſitting Member, touching the Matters ſuggeſted in the ſaid Petition, the Committee met for that Purpoſe, but the Petitioner not appearing, nor any Perſon for him,

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Charles Carter* Junior, is duly elected to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, as a Burgeſs for the ſaid County of *King-George*.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition is frivolous and vexatious.

Your Committee have alſo enquired into one of the Allegations of the ſaid Petition, relative to Mr *Charles Carter* the Elder, and have examined, upon Oath, Mr *Henry Churchill*, in that Part of the ſaid Petition mentioned, who depoſed, That he never heard the ſaid Mr *Carter* the Elder, ſay, or make any Brags, that he made no Queſtion of carrying his Son with him, or that he had made any Votes, and that he never told Mr *Turner* any ſuch Thing.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For further amending an Act, intituled, An Act for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but, not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him [to move] for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Mr *Bland* reported, that he had, according to Order, waited on the Governor, with the Reſolution of the Houſe made Yeſterday, for appointing a Guard to the Magazine in the City of *Williamſburg*, to which his Honor anſwered, That he was well pleaſed with that Reſolution, and that he would take Care to appoint a Guard accordingly.

A Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, May 1ſt, 1756.

MR. *Henry Robinſon* reported, That the Committee appointed, had, according to Order, examined ſuch other inrolled Bills, as were ready for the Governor's Aſſent, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly inrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Robinſon* do carry the inrolled Bills to the Council for their Inſpection.

A Claim of *Michael Boyer*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

71 *Ordered*, That the ſaid Claim be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of *Robert Donald*, praying to be allowed for Goods by him found for the Uſe of the late *Shawneſe* Expedition.

Alſo a Petition of *Thomas Donald* to the ſame Purpoſe.

Alſo a Petition of *Robert Haſtie*, to the ſame Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to Mr *Henry Robinſon*, Mr *Fleming*, Mr *Robert Bolling*, and Mr *John Nicholas*, that they do examine into the Allegations of the *ſaid*

ſaid Petitions reſpectively, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr Attorney, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of Mr *William Bernard*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Philip Ludwell Lee*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Weſtmoreland*, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That the Sum of Forty Pounds be paid by the Treaſurer of this Colony, out of the public Money in his Hands, to *William Hunter*, for printing 25,000 Lottery Tickets, and for printing ſeveral Advertiſements relating to the *Virginia* Lottery in his Gazette: And that the Sum of thirty Pounds be paid to *George Davenport*, for numbering the ſaid Tickets, and for his Attendance as Clerk to the Managers and Directors of the ſaid Lottery.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For ſuſpending the Proceedings of all Courts of Law and Equity within this Colony, for a certain Time, and for other Purpoſes*, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter* and Mr *Landon Carter*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *John Nicholas* reported, That the Committee to whom the Bill, *For appointing a public Ferry, and diſcontinuing a former one*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Meſſage from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have inſpected the inrolled Bills, and are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Mr *Walthoe*. 72

Mr Speaker,

"The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of your Houſe in the Council "Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent."

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

1. *An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty-five Thouſand Pounds, for the better Protection of the Inhabitants of the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*
2. ....*For diſarming Papiſts, and reputed Papiſts, refuſing to take the Oaths to the Government.*
3. .....*For appointing a Treaſurer.*
4. .....*For adding certain Lands, therein mentioned, to the City of* Williamſburg.
5. .....*To revive and amend an Act, intituled, An Act for inſpecting Pork, Beef, Tar, Pitch, and Turpentine.*
6. .....*For appointing Truſtees, to Leaſe out certain Lands and Slaves, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*
7. .....*To enable the* Nottoway Indians *to ſell certain Lands, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

His Honor likewiſe gave his Aſſent to the Reſolve,

For allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, the Sum of £.300 *per Annum*, for his Salary, for his Services as public Printer.

The Order of the Day being read,

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The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For further amending an Act, intituled An Act, for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, May 3d, 1756.

MR. *Landon Carter*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For ſuſpending the Proceedings of all Courts of Law and Equity within this Colony, for a certain Time therein contained*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

73 "The Governor has commanded me to lay before your Houſe a Letter from Col. "*Waſhington*, dated at *Winchester*, the 27th of *April* laſt, incloſing Letters from ſeveral "other Officers of the Regiment."

And the ſaid Letters were read, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That a ſtrong Fort be with all Expedition and Diſpatch erected at *Winchester*, in the County of *Frederick*, for the further Security of the Frontiers of this Colony.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the joint Committee, appointed by the Council and this Houſe, had according to Order, prepared an Addreſs and Repreſentation to his Majeſty, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs and Repreſentation, be ſent to the Council, for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, and for amending and explaining an Act paſt this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of £.25,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Upon a Motion made,

An ingroſſed Clauſe was added to the ſaid Bill as a Rider, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Fleming* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing an Agent*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council, for their Concurrence.

An engroſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing a public Ferry, and for diſcontinuing a former one*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *John Nicholas* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Bill *For ſuſpending the Proceedings in all Courts of Law and Equity within this Colony, for a certain Time therein contained and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr Attorney, Mr *Power*, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Robert Carter Nicholas*.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For ſupplying the Deficiencies of the ſeveral Funds, for the Protection of this Colony, againſt the Encroachments and Depredations of the* French *and* Indians, *and for advancing and ſecuring the public Credit.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, on 74
Monday next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, May 4th, 1756.

A Message from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, and for amending and explaining an Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of £.25,000, for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing a public Ferry, and for diſcontinuing a former one.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

Alſo to the Reſolve for paying the Expences attending the *Virginia* Lottery.

Alſo to the Reſolve for paying the Officers Salaries for this Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That the Sum of £.20 be paid by the Treaſurer of this Colony out of the public Money in his Hands, to *Peter Pelham* for his Trouble in ſetting up the Organ in the Church in the City of *Williamſburg*, and performing on the ſame during this Seſſion.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr *Thomas Tabb* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr Attorney reported, That the Committee to whom the Bill *For ſuſpending the Proceedings of all Courts of Law and Equity within this Colony for a certain Time, therein contained, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Lightfoot* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe, the Remainder of this Seſſion.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That Twenty-five Members be a ſufficient Number to make an Houſe.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for granting Protection to certain Perſons, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs,

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concur- 75
rence.

The Houſe being informed that the Sheriff of *Prince-William* attended at the Door, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, and that he had in due Time delivered the Writ for electing

electing a Burgeſs for the ſaid County, together with his Return incloſed to the Clerk of this Houſe, to one *James Hunter*, then on his Way to *Williamſburg*, who had neglected to deliver it in Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Sheriff be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying Fees.

Mr *Fleming* reported, That the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Robert Donald* was referred, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That it appears to the Committee that the ſaid *Robert Donald*, by Order of his Honor the Governor, did ſupply Capt. *John Smith* with ſundry Goods, to the Value of £.80 2*ſ.* 6*d.* for the Uſe of the Men who marched under the ſaid Capt. *Smith*'s Command, on the Expedition againſt the *Shawneſe*, and that the ſaid *Robert Donald* did pay to *John Pearce*, the Sum of £.9 7 *ſ.* 6 *d.* for fifteen Days Hire of his Cart and Oxen, to tranſport the ſaid Goods towards Fort *Frederick*.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Robert Donald* ought to be paid for the ſame by the public, the Sum of £.89 10*ſ.*

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, appointed by Act of Aſſembly for raiſing £.40,000, to make an Allowance to the ſaid *Robert Donald*, purſuant to the laſt Reſolution.

Mr *Fleming* alſo reported, That the Committee, to whom the Petition of *Robert Haſtie* was referred, had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and agreed upon a Report, and come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

The ſaid *Robert Haſtie* produced to this Committee an Account againſt Major *Andrew Lewis* for ſundry dry Goods delivered him at Fort *Frederick*, amounting to £.4 9*ſ.* 11*d.* with a Certificate ſigned *Andrew Lewis*, ſignifying that the ſaid Goods were received for the Uſe of the *Chorokee Indians*.

The ſaid *Robert Haſtie* alſo produced to this Committee an Account againſt Capt. *John Smith* for ſundry Goods delivered him at Fort *Frederick*, amounting to £.7 13*ſ.* 9*d.* which Account is ſigned *John Smith*, and directed to the Honorable Committee, but it does not appear to this Committee for what Uſes the ſaid Goods were delivered, and thereupon

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Robert Haſtie* ought to be paid by the public the Sum of £.4 9*ſ.* 11*d.* for the Goods mentioned in the ſaid Account againſt Major *Lewis*.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition, as to ſo much thereof as relates to the Goods mentioned in the Account againſt Capt. *Smith*, ought to be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, to be further enquired into.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, appointed by Act of Aſſembly for raiſing £.40,000, to make an Allowance to the ſaid *Robert Haſtie*, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

And then the Houſe adjourn'd till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, May 5th, 1756.

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A MESSAGE from the Council, by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Addreſs to His Majeſty, without any Amendments.

Alſo to the Repreſentation to His Majeſty with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for granting Protection to certain Perſons, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo

Alſo to the Reſolve for paying *Peter Pelham* the Sum of Twenty Pounds, for the Services therein mentioned.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council, to the Repreſentation to his Majeſty, and the ſame was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and inform them thereof.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs and Repreſentation be fairly tranſcribed, and that Mr Attorney do carry them up to be ſigned by the Preſedent of the Council.

Mr *Fleming* reported, That the Committee to whom the Petition of *Thomas Donald* was referred, had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and agreed upon a Report, and come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

The ſaid *Thomas Donald* produced to this Committee, an Account againſt Capt. *William Preſton*, for Goods delivered him at Fort *Frederick*, for the Uſe of his Company, amounting to £.3 2 *ſ.* 6*d.* with a Certificate ſigned *William Preſton*, ſignifying that the ſaid Goods were received for the Uſe of the ſaid Company.

The ſaid *Thomas Donald* alſo produced to this Committee, an Account againſt Capt. *Richard Paris*, for ſundry Goods delivered to him at Fort *Frederick*, for the Uſe of the white Men and *Indians* in his Company, amounting to £.59 19*ſ.* 7*d.* with a Certificate ſigned *Richard Paris*, ſignifying that the ſaid Capt. *Paris* had received the ſaid Goods for the Uſes aforeſaid.

The ſaid *Thomas Donald* alſo produced to this Committee, an Account againſt Capt. *John Smith*, for ſundry Goods delivered him at Fort *Frederick*, amounting to £.19 13 *ſ.* 1*d.* which Account is ſigned *John Smith*, which Account is directed to the honorable Committee, but it does not appear to this Committee for what Uſes the ſaid Goods were delivered, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Thomas Donald* ought to be paid by the Public, the Sum of £.63 2 *ſ.* 1 *d.* for the Goods mentioned in the Accounts againſt Capt. *Preſton* and Capt. *Paris*.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition, for ſo much thereof as relates to the Goods contained in the Account againſt Cap. *Smith*, ought to be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, to be further enquired into.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed by Act of Aſſembly, for raiſing £.40,000, to make an Allowance to the ſaid *Thomas Donald*, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

Mr *Henry Robinſon* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to 77
Order, examined the reſt of the inrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly inrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Henry Robinſon* do carry the inrolled Bills to the Council for their Inſpection.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have ſigned the Addreſs and Repreſentation to His Majeſty, and ſent it down to be ſigned by the Speaker of this Houſe.

And that they have inſpected the inrolled Bills, and are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*;

Mr Speaker,

"The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council-"Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent."

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

8. *An Act for amending the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, and for amending and explaining an Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of*

of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of Twenty-five Thouſand Pounds, for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

9. . . . . *For granting Protection to certain Perſons, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

10. . . . . *For continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt in* Bolling*'s-Point Warehouſe, in the County of* Dinwiddie, *and for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt at* Coan *and* Deep-*Creek Warehouſes.*

11. . . . . *For appointing a public Ferry, and diſcounting a former one.*

12. . . . . *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*

His Honor likewiſe gave his Aſſent to the following Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, which the Council had agreed to, *viz.*

A Reſolve, For paying the Expences attending the *Virginia* Lottery.

A Reſolve for paying *Peter Pelham* the Sum of Twenty Pounds, for the Services therein mentioned.

Alſo a Reſolve for paying the Officers Salaries, for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.

And then His Honor was pleaſed to make the following SPEECH.

78 *Gentlemen of the Council, M^r^ Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,*

I THANK you for the ſeveral Votes of ſupply granted this Seſſion, for Protection of our Frontiers, and defeating the miſchievous unjuſt Invaſions, Robberies, and Murders, of the cruel Enemy, and I hope it will have the deſired Effect.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I cannot help expreſſing my Reſentment at the great Indignity offered the Supream Court of this Colony, by ſending your Mace-Bearer within the Bar, and taking away ſuch of the Miniſters of that Court, as were Members of your Houſe, and thereby obſtructing, in ſome Meaſure, the Courſe of Juſtice, which is an unprecedented Step; you muſt all be ſenſible that the Proſperity and Reputation of a Country, depends as much upon a due and orderly Adminiſtration of Juſtice, as upon the Power of enacting Laws; theſe, however, wiſely formed, will be always ineffectual and uſeleſs, unleſs properly carried into Execution.

Gentlemen, I recommend to you when you go to your reſpective Counties, to uſe your Influence in having the Militia properly collected together, exerciſed, and ready on a Call, for the Protection of our Country in theſe perilous Times.

I wiſh you an agreeable Receſs, and I think proper to prorogue you to the Second *Thurſday* in *October*, and you are accordingly prorogued to that Time.

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Monday, September 20th, 1756.

A MESSAGE from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of your "Houſe in the Council-Chamber."

Accordingly Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend the Governor.

And being returned, he reported, that the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the Houſe, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I HAVE been obliged to call you together much ſooner than I intended; a Letter from His Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of *Loudoun*, makes your meeting now abſolutely neceſſary.

His Lordſhip acquaints me in that Letter, That the *French*, and their *Indians*, he apprehends, will take the important Fortreſs of *Oſwego*, on Lake *Ontario*, with all the Stores and Ammunition therein: Since the Receipt of that Letter, a Confirmation is brought of its actually being taken, with the melancholly Circumſtances attending that Affair: After the Surrender of the Fort, the inhuman *Indians*, with the ſtill more inhuman *French*, have actually cut off the Men in that Gariſon, by cruelly murdering them in cold Blood, contrary to the Laws both of Nature and Nations; by which you may obſerve what is to be expected from the Subjects of His Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty: His
2 Lordſhip deſires me to be on my Guard againſt the pernicious Conſequences that may attend ſuch an unhappy Event, as it will lay us ſtill more open to the *French Indian* Power, which we may directly expect on our Frontiers.

The Regiment in this Country's Service, under the Command of Col. *George Waſhington*, I ſuppoſe are properly ſtationed to reſiſt any Invaſion. And, from Captain *Overton*, I have Reaſon to expect Four Hundred *Cherokee Indians*, to aſſiſt us in protecting our Frontiers.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I recommend to you to make proper Proviſion for theſe *Indians;* I ſhall from the public Magazine, ſupply them with Arms, Powder, and Lead; and I have ordered the Purchaſe of ſome Cloathing, but much ſhort of what will be abſolutely neceſſary.

I ſhall cauſe the Earl of *Loudoun*'s Letter to me to be laid before you; whereby you may obſerve his Lordſhip, in the moſt preſſing Manner, deſires our Aſſiſtance of Recruits, for compleating the Regiment of Royal *Americans*, under His Lordſhip's immediate Command. His Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to ſend ſome Officers from *Britain*, and he expects that the ſeveral Colonies on this Continent will furniſh Levies ſufficient to compleat that Regiment, which is to conſiſt of Four Battalions, of One Thouſand Men each. It is alſo expected that the inliſting Money, and the Expences of ſending the Men to the Place where they are to be properly formed, is to be paid by the different Colonies, after which they are to be on the *Britiſh* Eſtabliſhment.

As this is demanded from every Colony, I muſt earneſtly recommend it to you, *Gentlemen*, to form a Law to facilitate the raiſing of Men, in the moſt effectual Manner, for this Purpoſe: And thus juſtify your Country's Claim to be Her excellent Sovereign's moſt dutiful, as She is His Moſt ancient Colony and Dominion.——You cannot but be further ſolicitous that the Royal *American* Regiment ſhould be compleated, ſince any Deficiency in that muſt be ſupplied, on every Occaſion, with Militia Levies, to put a Stop to the Progreſs of our *French* and *Indian* Enemies.

Gentlemen, If any indented Servants ſhould inliſt in His Majeſty's Service, I am ordered to recommend to you, to make proper Proviſion for repaying the Maſters of ſuch Servants as ſhall inliſt, the Money paid by ſuch Maſters on their original Contract, in Proportion to the Time ſuch indented Servants have to ſerve.

His Majeſty alſo expects that the Funds now raiſed and appropriated, or which may hereafter be raiſed, be iſſued and applied to the general Service, in ſuch Manner, as the Commander in Chief of His Forces on this Continent ſhall direct.

Colonel *Waſhington* complains to me, That the People from *Pennſylvania* purchaſe, and drive off from our Frontiers great Numbers of Cattle, by which he apprehends there may be a Scarcity for maintaining the Forces in this Country's Pay; I therefore recommend it to you to form a Law for preventing this Evil.

Major *Lewis*, agreeable to Orders, marched with his Company of Men to the *Cherokee* Country, where he has conſtructed a Fort, to the Approbation and Satisfaction of thoſe *Indians*; his Letter to me, with One from the Sachems of that Nation, I ſhall cauſe to be 3
laid before you: You will obſerve the *Indians* requeſt a Number of Men to gariſon that Fort, which I think, at this Time, may be of eſſential Service, to keep them in good Temper; and I recommend it to you, to make Proviſion accordingly for ſome Men to march and remain there for a Time.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

You muſt all be very ſenſible of His Majeſty's paternal Care and Regard for His Subjects on this Continent, which he has ſignified at ſuch immenſe Expence by Sea and Land for our Preſervation, and I doubt not will raiſe in every Breaſt a grateful and dutiful Acknowledgment.

I muſt obſerve that the Diſpute between the two Crowns grows near to a Criſis, whether theſe Colonies are ſtill to remain under the happy Conſtitution of *Great-Britain*, or become ſubject to the Arbitrary Power of a deſpotic Prince; if under the former, you are ſafe in your Lives, Religion, Liberties and Eſtates; if to the Latter (which Heaven avert) reflect, I beſeech you, on the dreadful Change, on the ſad Neceſſity of giving up your Liberty for Slavery, the pureſt Religion for the groſſeſt Idolatry and Superſtition, the legal and mild Government of a Proteſtant King, for the arbitrary Exactions, and heavy Oppreſſions of a Popiſh Tyrant. As there can be no Medium, therefore I hope every Individual will exert themſelves, in protecting the many Bleſſings and Privileges we enjoy under the beſt King and Conſtitution on the Face of the Earth.

Theſe different Matters I thought proper to lay before you, and I recommend them to your moſt ſerious Attention. With the utmoſt Earneſtneſs and Concern for the Preſervation and Welfare of our Country, I in Her Name, and for Her Sake, intreat you to exert your utmoſt Efforts for Her Safety, and our Sovereign's Honor.——And may that Wiſdom

Wiſdom and Goodneſs which maketh Men to be of one Mind in an Houſe, promote your Unanimity and Application, and crown them with the moſt happy Effects.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, to return his Honor our Thanks for his Speech, to expreſs our Concern for the Loſs of the important Fortreſs of *Oſwego*, to repreſent to him, that we are too ſenſible of the Bleſſings we enjoy under his Maſeſty's Government and our own happy Conſtitution to hazard any Change, and that we will do every Thing in our Power for the Honor of his Majeſty, and the Welfare and Preſervation of his Colonies.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the Governor, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and it is referred to Mr Attorney and Mr *Bland* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the Governor's Speech into Conſideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Rev. Mr *William Yates* be continued Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at ten o'clock.

Ordered, That *William Francis*, *Thomas Broadrib*, *Andrew Lindſay* and *James Lavie*, be continued in their reſpective Offices of Door-Keepers to this Houſe, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as were referred from the laſt to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and alſo all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as ſhall be certified to this Seſſion of Aſſembly, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning 11 o'Clock.

Tueſday, September 21ſt, 1756.

Ordered, THAT an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Citizen to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the City of *Williamſburg*, in the Room of Mr *John Chiſwell*, who, ſince his Election, hath accepted of the Office of Clerk of *Hanover* County, and that Mr *Lemuel Riddick* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *James*-City, in the Room of Mr *Carter Burwell*, deceaſed, and that Mr *Benjamin Waller* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Spotſylvania*, in the Room of Mr *Rice Curtis*, who, ſince his Election, hath accepted of the Office of Sheriff of the ſaid County, and that Mr *Pendleton* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Hanover*, in the Room of Mr *Henry Robinſon*, deceaſed, and that Mr *Syme* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

A Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

"The Governor has commanded me to lay before this Houſe the ſeveral Letters "from the Right Honorable the Earl of *Loudoun*, Major *Lewis*, and the Sachems of the "*Cherokee* Nation, mentioned in his Honor's Speech, at the Opening of this Seſſion."

And the ſaid Letters were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Mr

Mr Attorney reported, that the Committee appointed had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and is as follows.

SIR,

WE His Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of His moſt ancient Colony and Dominion of *VIRGINIA*, return your Honor our unfeigned Thanks for your moſt affectionate Speech, at the Opening of this Seſſion.

At a Time when we daily expected to hear of the good Succeſs of His Majeſty's Arms on the Continent, it cannot but give us the moſt ſenſible Concern, to be informed of the Loſs of a Place of ſuch Importance as the Fort of *Oſwego*. We hope, from this unhappy Affair, this Good may be produced, that we ſhall all heartily unite in our Oppoſition to an Enemy now become formidable, and in Support of that Plan which His Majeſty, with great Care and Expence, has prepared to execute.

We who enjoy the Bleſſings of a *Britiſh* Conſtitution, reduced to its original Purity, and breathing nothing but Freedom and Juſtice, under the Government of our moſt gracious Sovereign, muſt, without the groſſeſt Stupidity, look with Horror and Deteſtation on the dreadful Reverſe, a *French* Tyranny, under which, the Cruelties they daily exerciſe, would be compaſſionate, as they would deprive us of an Exiſtence, no longer valuable, where Religion, Life, and Property are to be ſubject to the Will of a ſuperſtitious, cruel, and arbitrary Monarch. And we aſſure your Honor, That we ſhall always be ready with our Lives and Fortunes, to ſupport His Majeſty's juſt and indiſputable Rights, and to protect His Colonies from the Blow that is aimed at them, by our deteſtable Enemy.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame, wait on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure when they ſhall attend his Honor, to preſent it.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to take into their Conſideration the Governor's Speech,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Letters this Day laid before the Houſe by Order of the Governor, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the ſaid Committee had had the Governor's Speech, and the ſeveral other Papers to them referred, under their Conſideration, and gone through the ſame, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved, That a Reward be given to ſuch Perſons as will inliſt in His Majeſty's Royal *American* Regiment, under the Command of his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*.

Reſolved, That the Expence of maintaining the Levies raiſed in this Colony, and tranſporting them to the Place where they are to be properly formed, be defrayed by the Public.

Reſolved, That the Owners of ſuch Servants, who ſhall inliſt in His Majeſty's Royal *American* Regiment, be paid for ſuch Servants by the Public.

Reſolved, That the Expence of clothing and maintaining the *Cherokee Indians* coming in to the Aſſiſtance of this Colony, ſhall be defrayed by the Public.

Reſolved, That a Number of Men be raiſed and ſent to gariſon the Fort at *Choto* in the *Cherokee* Country.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolutions, and it is referred to Mr *Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Riddick*, Mr *Nicholas*, Mr Attorney and Mr *Pendleton*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday,

Wedneſday, September 22d, 1756.

MR. *Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For raiſing Recruits for His Majeſty's Service, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr Attorney reported, that the Committee had, according to Order, waited on the Governor, to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs; and that he was pleaſed to ſay that he would receive it To-day, and that he would ſignify by a Meſſage to the Houſe when he was ready to receive it.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

"I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe, that his Honor is now "ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council-Chamber."

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up, and being returned, reported, that he, with the Houſe, had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I *DESIRE, moſt ſincerely, to return you my hearty Thanks for your kind* ADDRESS *It gives me a ſenſible Pleaſure, to obſerve you ſo unanimous in your Oppoſition to an Enemy that has no leſs in View than our Ruin; and your Determination to ſupport the Plan, His Majeſty has ſo wiſely, and at ſo great Expenſe, concerted for our Protection; and that you will, with your Lives and Fortunes, ſupport His Majeſty's juſt and indiſputable Rights.*

Gentlemen, *I muſt obſerve, the Rights of the Crown and the Property of the Subject, are ſo cloſely connected, that the ſupporting the one is a Protection to the other; and at this Time of ſo imminent Danger, your Duty to your King, your Country, Family, and Poſterity, calls aloud to you to exert your utmoſt Abilities in defeating the Deſigns of our inveterate Enemies.*

I deſire to aſſure you, That I will moſt cordially concur with you in every Thing to obtain what you have ſo ſincerely in View.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For Reducing the Act of Aſſembly made in the fourth Year of Queen* Anne, *intituled, An Act for regulating the Election of Burgeſſes, for ſettling their Privileges, and aſcertaining their Allowances; and one Act* 7 *made in the tenth Year of His preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, An Act to declare who ſhall have a Right to vote in the Election of Burgeſſes to ſerve in the General Aſſembly for Counties, and for preventing fraudulent Conveyances, in Order to multiply Votes at ſuch Elections, into one Act of Aſſembly, and for amending the ſaid Acts*, and it is referred to Mr *Bland* and Mr *Nicholas* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Bedford*, the Sheriff having made Return on the laſt Writ for electing Burgeſſes for the ſaid County, that it came to Hand too late to be executed, and that Mr *Thomas Naſh* do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

Upon a Motion made,

A Bill, *For raiſing Recruits for His Majeſty's Service; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till to-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday,

Thurſday, September 23d, 1756.

THE ſeveral Claims of *Thomas Jones*, *John Miller*, *John Daniel*, *Joſeph Tankerſley*, *Samuel Poe*, *Paul Tilman*, *Acquilla Johnſton*, *James Henderſon*, *John Apperſon*, *Simon Poe*, and *Ambroſe Smith*, all of *Caroline* County, for taking up Runaways therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *James Taylor*, for taking up a Deſerter, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of *Thomas Penman*, Keeper of the Public Goal, praying, That the additional Salary granted him by a former Seſſion of Aſſembly, for maintaining the public Priſoners, may ſtill be continued to him, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the additional Sum of £.15 be paid to the ſaid *Thomas Penman* every Year, over and above his uſual Salary of £.25.

Reſolved, That 10 lbs. of Tobacco *per* Day be allowed to the ſaid *Thomas Penman* for every Criminal committed to the ſaid Goal, during ſuch Criminals Impriſonment, from this Time to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For raiſing Recruits for His Majeſty's Service*; *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Member returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe. 8

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, September 24th, 1756.

TWO new Members returned upon new Writs, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill, *For raiſing Recruits for His Majeſty's Service, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments, as amended, be engroſſed and read a third Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes for altering *Suffex* Court Day.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday September 25th, 1756.

A MEMBER returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Mr *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

9 *Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For appointing Commiſſioners to take and ſtate Accounts of the Tobacco lately burnt in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and it is referred to Mr *Syme* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing Recruits for His Majeſty's Service, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Syme* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For appointing Commiſſioners to take and ſtate Accounts of the Tobacco lately burnt in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

A Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Gabriel Jones*, Mr *Fairfax* and Mr *Bland*.

Upon a Motion made,

A Bill, *For appointing Commiſſioners to take and ſtate Accounts of the Tobacco lately burnt in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed and read a third Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing Recruits for His Majeſty's Service*, without any Amendments.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, September 27th, 1756.

A PETITION of *William Hunter*, Printer, praying, That his Salary as Printer to this Houſe, which will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, may be further continued to him, was preſented to the Houſe and read; and thereupon

Reſolved, That the Sum of £.300 *per Annum* be allowed to *William Hunter*, Printer, to continue to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, as a full Conſideration for printing

ing the Journal of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, printing the Laws of each Seſſion, and ſending thirteen of them to every County-Court Clerk, one of which to be half-bound for the Uſe of the Court, printing Inſpectors Notes and Books, Proclamations, and other public Advertisements.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be engroſſed, and that Mr *Bland* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to take and ſtate Accounts of the Tobacco lately burnt in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes; and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Syme* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee to whom the Bill, *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed and read a third Time.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the inrolled Bills, of the following Perſons, *viz.* Mr *Bland* and Mr *Nicholas*.

Two Claims of *John Inſco* and *Richard Lambrook*, for taking up Runaways therein mentioned, were preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to take and ſtate Accounts of the Tobacco lately burnt in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Reſolve of this Houſe, For allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, a Salary of £.300 *per Annum*, for the Services therein mentioned.

Sundry Claims of the Militia of *Albemarle* County, ordered out by his Honor the Governor to range on the Frontiers of this Colony.

Alſo ſundry Claims of the Ferry-keeper at *Hog-Iſland* for public Services therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Benjamin Williamſon*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Sums following be allowed to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly, reſpectively.

	£.	ſ.	d.
To *John Randolph*, Eſq; Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,	60	—	—
To *Nathaniel Walthoe*, Eſq; Clerk of the General Aſſembly,	30	—	—
To the Reverend Mr *William Yates*, Chaplain,	15	—	—
To Mr *Francis Eppes*, Serjeant at Arms,	20	—	—
To the Door-Keeper of the Council,	5	—	—
To *William Francis*,	5	—	—
To *Thomas Broadrib*,	5	—	—
To *Andrew Lindſay*,	5	—	—
To *James Lavie*,	5	—	—
To Mr *John Palmer*, for his Services,	5	—	—

(Door-Keepers to the Houſe,)

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be engroſſed, and that Mr *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed by Act of Aſſembly, *For raiſing the Sum of £.40,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony*, That they examine the Accounts of the Officers appointed by the Governor to carry the drafted Militia to the Places by him appointed, and pay the ſaid Officers ſo much as they ſhall think reaſonable for ſuch Services, and alſo that they pay the ſaid Officers for the Time they were reſpectively in the ſaid Service.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Sundry Claims of the Militia of the County of *Hampſhire*, were preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, September 28th, 1756.

A MEMBER returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

A Petition of *Obediah Woodſon*, ſetting forth, That he is informed, that himſelf with other Officers were, by a Council of War held by Major *Andrew Lewis*, deemed and declared mutinous, and the ill Succeſs of the Expedition againſt the *Shawneſe* was owing to the Petitioner, which Charge he aſſerts is highly unjuſt, and praying that this Houſe will give him an Opportunity of manifeſting his Innocence, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this Seſſion of Aſſembly*.

Alſo to the Reſolve, For paying the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly the reſpective Sums of Money therein mentioned.

Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, examined the inrolled Bills and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly inrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the inrolled Bills to the Council for their Inſpection.

12 A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have inſpected the inrolled Bills, and are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr Speaker,

"The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council-"Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent."

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

1. *An Act for raiſing Recruits for His Majeſty's Service, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*
2. *An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to take and ſtate Accounts of the Tobacco lately burnt in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

3.

3. *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages for this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

His Honor likewiſe gave his Aſſent to the following Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, which the Council had agreed to, *viz.*

A Reſolve for paying *William Hunter*, Printer, a Salary of £.300 *per Annum*, for the Services therein mentioned.

A Reſolve for paying the Officers Salaries for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.

And then His Honor was pleaſed to make the following SPEECH, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I RETURN you Thanks for the Diſpatch you have given to the Affairs recommended to your Conſideration.——I wiſh you had formed a more eaſy and certain Method for raiſing Levies to aſſiſt in compleating the Royal *American* Regiment.

I am obliged to you for the Confidence you place in me for the Application of the Money granted this Seſſion; you may be aſſured it ſhall be managed with much Frugality, altho' I am loaded with a great deal of Trouble in doing the neceſſary Requiſites, agreeable to the Act now paſſed, which I wiſh I had been eaſed from, but as it is for the public Service I ſhall uſe my beſt Endeavours.

Gentlemen, As there are a great many Deſerters and Vagrants in the Country, I deſire your Influence and Intereſts, in the different Counties you repreſent, in apprehending them, or engaging any indented Servants that incline to ſerve His Majeſty in the above Regiment, and ſending them to this City, and any Charge accruing therefrom ſhall be paid you.

I wiſh you Health and an agreeable Receſs; and I think proper to prorogue you to the Second *Thurſday* in *November*, and you are accordingly prorogued to that Time.

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Thurſday, April 14th, 1757.

A MESSAGE from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe.*

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of your "Houſe in the Council-Chamber:"

Accordingly Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend the Governor.

And being returned, he reported, That the Houſe had attended the Governor in the Council Chamber, and that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the Houſe, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

The general Welfare making it neceſſary for the Southern Governors to meet the Right Honorable the Earl of *Loudoun*, at *Philadelphia*, to concert Meaſures for the Protection of theſe Colonies; my Abſence from hence, for that Purpoſe, had deferred the Time of this Seſſion's Meeting, which I would have otherwiſe accommodated more to your Convenience.

I ſhall cauſe to be preſented to you, a Letter from his Lordſhip, to the Council, Mr Speaker, and the Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes; as alſo the Plan agreed on by his Lordſhip and the Governors, for Protection of the Southern Colonies, during the Time he is executing a Plan of Operations to the Northward, agreed to, and recommended by His Majeſty.——Duty, Gratitude, and Affection to our moſt excellent Sovereign, and the moſt animating Earneſtneſs for your Country's Preſervation (your wonted Motives) now urge you to effectuate, by every Method on your Parts requiſite for the general Service.

2 Lord *Loudoun* returns you Thanks for your kind Vote of Eight Thouſand Pounds, for raiſing Recruits for the Royal *American* Regiment, which he will not fail to repreſent at Home in the very handſome Manner it deſerves.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

The vigorous Methods that our gracious King is purſuing for our Deliverance from the public Enemy, at a vaſt Expence, and a very large Armament, now happily arrived

at

at *Halifax*, in *Nova-Scotia*, call on you, in the ſtrongeſt Manner, to contribute, even to the utmoſt of your Ability, ſuch Supplies as the preſent Exigencies of our Affairs demand, and Lord *Loudoun* may reaſonably expect, from the Readineſs and Liberality, wherewith his Lordſhip has hitherto found all his Requiſitions complied with in the Colonies to the Northward, and the Zeal you, *Gentlemen*, have already manifeſted for his Majeſty's Service, on former Occaſions.

The Weight of the Public Burthen, and the Part you bear, I am by no Means inſenſible of; but let us remember, that the End propoſed is worthy of the Means, tho' dear bought in the Purchaſe; that it is invaluable in the Acquiſition: And it is the Leſſon of Experience, that an ill judged Parſimony, proves, in the End, the moſt fatal Extravagance.

It is with Concern, that I find the Money formerly granted, for raiſing and ſupporting the *Virginia* Regiment, is all expended; and yet there are great Arrears due to the Officers and Soldiers in the Country's Service: You will undoubtedly receive an Account of the Diſpoſal of theſe Monies, from the Perſons you entruſted therewith; and if there has been any Miſconduct, from their being unacquainted with theſe Affairs, as new and unuſual among us, you may, for the future, point out a more frugal Oeconomy in the public Expences, in which, and in all Things for the public Service, I ſhall readily join and aſſiſt you.

I have ordered Col. *Waſhington* to attend you, with a proper Account of the Arrears due; and I ſhall endeavour to lay before you an Eſtimate of the Aid neceſſary for the ſucceeding Year, which, I doubt not, you will make ſuitable Proviſion for.

The particular Affairs of the Dominion having been long unadjuſted, through many unavoidable Avocations, I muſt now recommend them to your Attention.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I take this Opportunity of acquainting you, that my Health is ſo much impaired, that I cannot tranſact the Duties of my Appointment, in ſo proper a Manner as, I think, they require; I have therefore wrote Home for Leave to reſign my Truſt, and I have Reaſon to expect that Liberty ſoon: And as I probably may not have the Pleaſure of meeting you again in a legiſlative Capacity, I deſire to aſſure you of my ſincere and hearty Regard for this Dominion, and if I can be of any Uſe to the Country at Home, I cheerfully offer my Service, and I ſhall at all Times embrace every Opportunity in my Power for the Good of the Country.

Gentlemen, The preſſing Occaſions of the Public, made ſtill more urgent by the 3
advanced Seaſon of the Year, beſpeak your moſt earneſt Attention to the preſent Conjuncture, and the quickeſt Diſpatch; both moſt happily to be attained by Unanimity and Application, which, therefore, *Gentlemen*, I deſire to recommend to you, with ſuch perſuaſive Prevalence, as I ſhould always ſolicit your perpetual Proſperity and Happineſs.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Honor, to return him the Thanks of this Houſe for his affectionate Speech, and for the kind Offer he has made to ſerve this Colony with his Intereſt at Home; to declare that the great Regard which his Majeſty has ſhewn for our Preſervation and Security, by ſending a freſh Body of *Britiſh* Troops to the Aſſiſtance and Defence of his *American* Dominions, muſt raiſe in us the moſt ſenſible Returns of Gratitude and Loyalty, as it is a Continuance of that Royal Goodneſs and Concern for the Safety and true Intereſt of his faithful Subjects, which we have ſo often experienced; that, on this Occaſion, the unfeigned Tender of our Lives and Fortunes is no more than is due to his Majeſty and our Country; and that in this common Cauſe, Intereſt, as well as Duty, will make us zealouſly unite to aſſert and maintain the Honor and juſt Rights of his Majeſty's Crown, by concurring in all ſuch Meaſures, within our Power, as may be neceſſary to carry on the War with Spirit and Vigor; imploring the Divine Providence to give Succeſs to his Majeſty's Arms, and make

make them the happy Means of removing thofe violent Ravages and Depredations which now diftrefs and interrupt the Tranquillity of the *Britifh* Dominions upon this Continent.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addrefs to the Governor, purfuant to the faid Refolution, and it is referred to Mr *Bland* and Mr Attorney to prepare and bring in the fame.

A new Member having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inftead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and fubfcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and fubfcribed the Teft, was admitted to his Place in the Houfe.

A Meffage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they had fent down to this Houfe a Letter from the Right Honorable the Earl of *Loudoun*, dated at *Philadelphia*, the 25th of *March* laft, and directed to the Council and this Houfe, and the fame being read,

Refolved, That an humble Addrefs of Thanks be made to his Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of *Loudoun*, for his Lordfhip's kind Letter to the Council and this Houfe, and to affure him of our Duty and Gratitude to his Majefty for his paternal Care of this Colony, and our great Readinefs to exert ourfelves, in every Thing within our Power, in this important Conjuncture.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addrefs to his Lordfhip, purfuant to the faid Refolution, and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter* and Mr *Pendleton*, to prepare and bring in the fame.

Refolved, That this Houfe will take the Governor's Speech into Confideration To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Rev. Mr *William Yates* be continued Chaplain to this Houfe, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at Ten o'Clock.

Ordered, That *William Francis*, *Thomas Broadrib*, *Andrew Lindfey*, and *James Lavie*, be continued in their refpective Offices of Door-Keepers to this Houfe, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

And then the Houfe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, April 15th, 1757.

A MESSAGE from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

"The Governor has commanded me to lay before your Houfe the Plan "of Operations mentioned in his Honor's Speech."

And the fame was read, and ordered to lie on the Table, for the Perufal of the Members of this Houfe.

Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, prepared an Addrefs to the Governor, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the fame was again twice read and agreed to, with an Amendment, and is as follows.

SIR,

WE His Majefty's moft dutiful Subjects, the Burgeffes of *Virginia*, now met in General Aflembly, return your Honor our fincere and hearty Thanks for your very affectionate Speech, and the kind Offer you make of your Service for the Intereft of this Colony.

And although we are truly forry to hear that your Honor's Health is fo much impaired that you cannot fuftain the Duties of your Appointment, yet permit us, Sir, to indulge ourfelves in the pleafing Profpect of thofe Benefits which may arife to us from your good Offices at Home, which we affure you we fhall always efteem as a peculiar Favor and fingular Advantage to this Country.

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The tender Regard which our Excellent Sovereign hath ſhewn for the Preſervation and Security of his *American* Dominions, by ſending a large Armament to their Aſſiſtance and Defence, muſt raiſe in us the moſt ſenſible Returns of Gratitude and Loyalty, as it is a Continuance of that Royal Goodneſs and Concern for the Safety and true Intereſt of his faithful Subjects which they have ſo often experienced.

On this Occaſion the unfeigned Tender of our Lives and Fortunes is no more than is due to His Majeſty and our Country; and we do give your Honor the ſtrongeſt Aſſurances, that, in this common Cauſe, we will, with the greateſt Firmneſs, zealouſly unite to aſſert and maintain the Honor and juſt Rights of His Majeſty's Crown, and concur in every ſuch Meaſure, within our Power, as may be neceſſary to carry on the preſent War with a Spirit and Vigor becoming true Sons of *Britain*; imploring the Divine Providence to give Succeſs to His Majeſty's Arms, and make them the happy Means of removing thoſe violent Ravages and Depredations which now diſtreſs and interrupt the Tranquillity of the *Britiſh* Colonies upon this Continent.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame wait on the Governor to know his Pleaſure when they ſhall attend his Honor to preſent it.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs, to ſerve in this preſent Aſſembly, for the County of *Weſtmoreland*, in the Room of the Honorable *Philip Ludwell Lee*, Eſq; promoted to be one of the Members of his Majeſty's Council, and that Mr *Waſhington* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr *Landon Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Right Honorable the Earl of *Loudoun*, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker.

A Petition of *Benjamin Collet*, praying, That he may be appointed a Door-Keeper to this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being thereupon put,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take the Governor's Speech into Conſideration,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will take the ſaid Speech into their Conſideration on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, April 16th, 1757.

MR. *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, waited on the Governor to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to appoint *Monday* next, and to ſay he would send a Meſſenger to the Houſe when he was ready to receive it.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, April 18th, 1757.

UPON a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Speaker do acquaint the Governor that this Houſe have prepared an Addreſs to his Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of *Loudoun*, and deſire that his Honor will be pleaſed to tranſmit the ſame to his Lordſhip.

6 A Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

"I am commanded by the Governor to acquaint this Houſe that his Honor is now "ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council-Chamber."

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up, and being returned, reported, That he, with the Houſe, had attended the Governor in the Council-Chamber and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to return the following Anſwer:

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I RETURN you my ſincere and hearty Thanks for your kind and affectionate Addreſs. If pleaſe God I get ſafe to Britain, *it will at all Times give me much Pleaſure if I can be of any Service to this Dominion.*

Your juſt and grateful Notice of His Majeſty's great Care for the Security of his American *Dominions, your unfeigned Tender of your Lives and Fortunes to ſupport and maintain the juſt Rights of his Crown, and your Determination to aſſiſt in carrying on this juſt War with Vigor becoming the true Sons of* Britain, *give me a moſt ſenſible Pleaſure; which, by the Divine Aſſiſtance, I doubt not will fully protect you from the Ravages and Depredations of a moſt cruel and barbarous Enemy, and reſtore the Tranquillity of the* Britiſh *Colonies on this Continent, the Completion thereof ſhall be my continual Prayer and ſincere Wiſh.*

Mr Speaker alſo reported, That he had preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe, to the Earl of *Loudoun*, to his Honor, and that he was pleaſed to ſay he would ſend it to his Lordſhip by Expreſs.

And that the Governor had delivered to him an Eſtimate of the Heads of neceſſary Expences for which a Vote of Supply will be wanted, in Order to be laid before this Houſe, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Joſhua Williams*, late a Soldier in the *Virginia* Regiment, ſetting forth, That he had loſt a Leg in the Service, by which he was rendered incapable of getting his Living, and that he was deſirous of returning to *South-Carolina* from whence he came, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Cary*, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Adams*, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee of Privileges and Elections be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr Attorney,

Mr *Charles Carter*,	Mr *Bland*,
Mr *Chiſwell*,	Mr *Wormley*,
Mr *Robinſon*,	Mr *Landon Carter*,
Mr *Johnſon*,	Mr *Pendleton*,
Mr *Randolph*,	Mr *Page*,
Mr *William Digges*,	Mr *Dudley Digges*,
Mr *Ben. Harriſon*, Junior,	Mr *Robert Carter Nicholas*,
Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, and	Mr *Whiting*.

7 And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and examine in the firſt Place all Returns of Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and to compare the ſame with the Form preſcribed by Law, and to take into their Conſideration all ſuch Matters as ſhall or may come in Queſtion touching Returns, Elections, and Privileges, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe; and the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr *Charles Carter*,

Mr *Wormeley*,	Mr *Chiſwell*,
Mr *Bland*,	Mr *Spotſwood*,

Mr

Mr *John Bolling*
Mr *Baylor*,
Mr *Prefley Thornton*,
Mr *Ben. Harrifon*, Junior,
Mr *Robinfon*,
Mr *William Digges*,
Mr *Pendleton*,
Mr *Wafhington*,
Mr *Syme*,
Mr *Fitzhugh*,
Mr *Robert Bolling*,
Mr *Whiting*,
Mr *Fairfax*,
Mr *Cary*,
Mr *Randolph*,
Mr *Landon Carter*,
Mr *Page*,
Mr *Dudley Digges*,
Mr *Johnfon*,
Mr *Charles Carter*, Junior,
Mr *Alexander Bolling*,
Mr *Robert Carter Nicholas*,
Mr *Dandridge*, and

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Propoſitions and Grievances that ſhall come legally certified to this Aſſembly, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, from Time to Time, to the Houſe; and all ſuch Propoſitions and Grievances are to be delivered to the Clerk of the Houſe, and by him to the ſaid Committee, of Courſe; and the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Ordered, That a Committee of public Claims be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr *Bland*,
Mr *Weſtwood*,
Mr *Thomas Tabb*,
Mr *Francis Smith*,
Mr *John Jones*,
Mr *John Smith*,
Mr *John Weſt*,
Mr *Robert Anderſon*,
Mr *Harwood*,
Mr *Spencer Ball*,
Mr *Cave*,
Mr *Gray*,
Mr *Payne*,
Mr *Barrett*,
Mr *Field*, and
Mr *Booker*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all public Claims which ſhall be preſented to the Houſe during this Seſſion, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe, when they have gone thro' the ſaid Claims; and all Perſons who have any Claims are to deliver them to the Clerk, and he is to deliver them to the ſaid Committee of Courſe, and they are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information. 8

Ordered, That a Committee for Courts of Juſtice be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr *Landon Carter*,
Mr *John Tabb*,
Mr *Briggs*,
Mr *Francis Weſt*,
Mr *Willis Riddick*,
Mr *Slaughter*,
Mr *William Taylor*,
Mr *Corprew*.
Mr *Pendleton*,
Mr *Edmunds*,
Mr *William Ball*,
Mr *Cabbell*,
Mr *Harris*,
Mr *Veale*, and

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and to take into their Conſideration all Matters relating to Courts of Juſtice, and ſuch other Matters as ſhall from Time to Time be referred to them, and report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe; and the ſaid Committee are to inſpect the Journals of the ſixth, ſeventh, and eighth Seſſions of the laſt General Aſſembly, and the firſt and ſecond Seſſions of this preſent General Aſſembly, and draw up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein, and report the ſame to the Houſe; that they do alſo examine what Laws have expired ſince the two laſt Seſſions, and inſpect ſuch temporary Laws as will expire with the End of this Seſſion, or are near expiring,

and

and report the ſame to the Houſe, with their Opinions which of them are fit to be revived and continued.

Ordered, That a Committee of Trade be appointed of the following Perſons, *viz.*

Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Jun.

Mr *Thomas Tabb*,	Mr *Bland*,
Mr *Landon Carter*,	Mr *Weſtwood*,
Mr *Adams*,	Mr *Seldon*,
Mr *Keeling*,	Mr *Bridger*,
Mr *Clinch*, and	Mr *Whiting*.

And they are to meet and adjourn from Day to Day, and take under their Conſideration all Things relating to the Trade of this Colony, and all Matters that ſhall be from Time to Time to them referred, and to report their Proceedings, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe; and the ſaid Committee are to have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers, and Records, for their Information.

Reſolved, That Eleven of the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, and five of any other Committee, be a ſufficient Number to make a Committee.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Clerks to the Committees be continued in their reſpective Offices, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

A Claim of *William Davis*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Jobe Moretcaſtle*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Matthias Marriott*, for the ſame Service.

9 Alſo a Claim of *James Taylor*, for taking up a Deſerter from the *Virginia* Regiment, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

A Petition of *William Garland*, Goaler of *Richmond* County, ſetting forth, That three Negroe Men who ſaid they belonged to a Perſon in *South-Carolina* were lately committed to the Goal of that County, who ſince their Commitment have been taken ill, and that the Charges he has been at in their Cures and his Priſon Fees amount to near the Value of the ſaid Slaves; that no Perſon has hitherto appeared to Claim the ſaid Slaves tho' publicly advertiſed, and praying the Direction of this Houſe about the Diſpoſal of the ſaid Slaves.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Richmond*, complaining of the illegal Proceedings of one *John Bayn*, in impreſſing their Convict Servants into his Majeſty's Service.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, complaining of the illegal, arbitrary, and oppreſſive Proceedings of the preſent Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, and praying that the ſame may be diſſolved.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *St. Paul*'s in the ſaid County of *Stafford*, ſetting forth, that many of the veſtrymen of the ſaid Pariſh are ſo antient and infirm that they can ſeldom procure a Meeting of the ſaid Veſtry, and alſo complaining of divers illegal Proceedings of the ſaid Veſtry, and praying that the ſame may be diſſolved, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into their Conſideration the Governor's Speech,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech.

Ordered, That Lord *Loudoun*'s Letter, together with the Plan of Operations and the Eſtimate of Expences, for the enſuing Year, laid before this Houſe by Direction of his Honor the Governor, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that

that the Committee had had the ſaid Speech under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, April 19th, 1757.

THREE Members returned upon new Writs, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, were admitted to their Places in the Houſe.

A Claim of *John Monroe*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Judith Pierce*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Philip Moody*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo two Claims of *Jethro Darden*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Holloday*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Jacob Darden*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Cooper*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to allow the ſaid Claims in the Book of Claims.

Mr *Landon Carter*, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, reported, That the Committee had, according to Order, inſpected the Journals of the ſixth, ſeventh, and eighth Seſſions of the laſt General Aſſembly, alſo the Journals of the firſt and ſecond Seſſions of this preſent General Aſſembly, and had prepared and drawn up a State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein, and had agreed upon a Report, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and is as follows:

That it appears to this Committee, That upon a Motion made that the County of *Lunenburg* ſhould have Credit in the Book of Claims for a Quantity of Tobacco levied for the Clerk and Sheriff of that County, at a former Seſſion of Aſſembly, for ſeveral illegal Charges in their Accounts againſt the ſaid County, and that the ſame ſhould be levied on the Clerk and Sheriff for the Uſe of the ſaid County, it was ordered that the ſaid Motion be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That upon a Motion made, it was ordered, That all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as were referred from the ſixth Seſſion of the laſt General Aſſembly, and alſo all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as ſhould be certified to the ſeventh Seſſion of the ſaid Aſſembly, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſucceeding Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That upon a Motion made, it was ordered, That all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as were referred from the ſeventh Seſſion of the laſt General Aſſembly, and alſo all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as ſhould be certified to the eighth Seſſion of the ſaid Aſſembly, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſucceeding Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That upon a Motion made, it was ordered, That all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as were referred from the eighth Seſſion of the laſt Aſſembly, and alſo all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as ſhould be certified to the firſt Seſſion of this preſent Aſſembly, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſucceeding Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Petition of Mr *Anthony Holliday*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Willis Riddick*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Nanſemond*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Petition of Mr *Matthew Marrable*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Thomas Naſh*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the

the County of *Lunenburg*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine into the Allegations of the ſaid Petition, and to report the ſame, as they ſhould appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

That the ſaid Committee reported, That they had had under their Conſideration the ſaid Petition, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon which were agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

That the Petitioner and ſitting Member be at liberty to examine Witneſſes before *Thomas Bedford*, *William Caldwell*, *John Jennings*, and *Richard Witton*, Gentlemen, or any three of them, touching any Treats or Entertainments given by the ſitting Member or his Agents, to the Freeholders of the ſaid County, after the Writ for electing Burgeſſes for the ſaid County was iſſued, and that they return the Depoſitions to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That upon a Motion made, it was ordered, That *John Ruffin* be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms, and brought to the Bar of the Houſe to anſwer for his Offence, in ſpeaking ſcandalous Words of Mr *William Clinch* a Member of the Houſe; that the ſaid *Ruffin* being brought to the Bar, and Mr Speaker demanding of him if he had ſpoke the ſaid Words of Mr *Clinch*, the ſaid *Ruffin* ſaid he did ſpeak the ſaid Words, and was ready to juſtify the ſame; whereupon the Matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine into, and report the ſame, as it ſhould appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe: That the ſaid Committee reported, Mr *Clinch* informed them that one of his material Witneſſes was gone to *Georgia*, that another lived in *Carolina*, and that a third was not able to attend, having lately broke his Collar-Bone; and reſolved that the Conſideration of the ſaid Matter ought to be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, which was agreed to by the Houſe.

That a Petition of Mr *Charles Weſt*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Ralph Juſtice*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Accomack*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, as it ſhould appear to them, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe. That the ſaid Committee reported that they had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which were agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

That the Perſons who voted at the ſaid Election, whoſe Freeholds are queſtioned either by the Petitioner or ſitting Member, be examined, upon Oath, before *Charles*
12 *Stockley*, *William Bevans*, *Thomas Parramore*, and *John Wiſe*, of the ſaid County, Gentlemen, or any three of them, whether they be Freeholders or not, except ſuch of them as did ſwear to their Freeholds at the Election.

That the Petitioner and ſitting Member be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes before the ſame Perſons, as to the Freehold of any Perſon who voted at the ſaid Election, altho' ſuch Perſons ſwore to their Freeholds at the Election, or ſhall ſwear to the ſame at the Examination; and that it be an Inſtruction to the Perſons before whom ſuch Examinations are to be taken, to examine how long ſuch Voters have been in Poſſeſſion of, and paid Quit-Rents for the Lands or Tenements in Right of which they voted at the Election, and that they return the Depoſitions they ſhall take to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That the Petitioner give to the ſitting Member ten Days Notice of the Time and Place where he intends to examine his Witneſſes, alſo a Liſt, in Writing, of the Names of the Voters he intends to except to, diſtinguiſhing againſt each Name the ſeveral Heads of Exception, and that the ſitting Member do the like to the Petitioner.

That the other Part of the ſaid Petition ought to be examined into before the ſaid Committee; and that the Petitioner do, before the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, give the ſitting Member Notice of the particular Facts about which he intends to examine Witneſſes before the Committee.

And that the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That

That a Petition of *William Bernard*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Philip Ludwell Lee*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Weſtmoreland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Committeee of Privileges and Elections to examine into the Allegations thereof, and to report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe. That the ſaid Committee reported that they had had under their Conſideration the ſaid Petition, and had come to a Reſolution in which the Houſe agreed. That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petition ſhould be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Petition of *Richard Woods*, *David Cloyd*, and *Joſeph Lapſley*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, That they were attending in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, in Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, for having been guilty of a Riot, and interrupting the Election of Burgeſſes for the County of *Auguſta*: That they were innocent of the Matter, which they could prove by Witneſſes, whereupon the ſame was referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to examine into the Allegations of the ſaid Petition, and to report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe. That the ſaid Committee reported, to which the Houſe agreed, That *William Luſk*, a Witneſs, depoſed, he ſaw the ſaid *Woods*, *Cloyd*, and *Lapſley* go peaceably and quietly into the Court-Houſe and give their Votes, and then come again, and that he ſaw no Miſbehaviour in them during the Poll, and that the Deponent was appointed by the Sheriff of the ſaid County to ſtand at the Bar to keep the Voters from crouding in too faſt; and it was reſolved that the further Conſideration of the ſaid Matter ſhould be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly. That as well the ſaid Sheriff, as the ſaid *Woods*, *Cloyd*, and *Lapſley*, be at Liberty to examine Witneſſes touching the Behaviour of any Perſon or Perſons at the ſaid Election, before any Magiſtrate of the ſaid County, giving each other ten Days Notice of the Time and Place of the Examination, and the Depoſitions ſo to be taken were to be returned to the Clerk of the Houſe before the Meeting of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly. 13

The Houſe being informed that *Thomas Jett*, Sheriff of *King George* County, had behaved ill in the Execution of his Office at the Election of Burgeſſes for that County, the Matter was referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to enquire into, and to report their Opinion thereupon to the Houſe: That the ſaid Committee reported, and it was agreed to by the Houſe, That the ſaid *Thomas Jett* was guilty of a notorious Breach of his Duty at the ſaid Election; and it was ordered that the ſaid *Jett* ſhould be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms and brought to the Bar of the Houſe to anſwer for his ſaid Offence.

That a Petition of the Miniſter, Church-Wardens, and Veſtrymen of the Pariſh of St. *George*, in the County of *Spotſylvania*, ſetting forth, That the Land purchaſed for a Glebe is very inconvenient to the ſaid Pariſh, and praying that an Act might be paſſed to impower the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh to ſell the ſaid Glebe Land and to purchaſe another Glebe with the Money ariſing by the ſaid Sale, was preſented to the Houſe and received, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Petition of the Church-Wardens, Veſtrymen, and Pariſhoners of the Pariſh of *Lynhaven*, in the County of *Princeſs-Anne*, ſetting forth, That one *James Jouſlin* did, by his laſt Will and Teſtament, deviſe to the Orphans of the ſaid Pariſh, towards their Maintenance and Education, 100 Acres of Land in the ſaid Pariſh and County; that the ſaid Land lying in a Corner of the Pariſh, and being mean and yielding a very low Rent, was very inconvenient and did not anſwer the good Intention of the Teſtator, and praying that an Act might paſs to impower the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh to diſpoſe of the ſaid Land, and out of the Money ariſing from the Sale to purchaſe ſome other more convenient Land, and to erect Buildings thereon, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That upon a Motion made, it was ordered, That all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as were referred from the firſt Seſſion of this preſent Aſſembly, and all ſuch Claims and Propoſitions as ſhould be certified to the ſecond Seſſion of the ſaid Aſſembly, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſucceeding Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſeveral Petitions mentioned in the ſaid Report, complaining of undue Elections and Returns of Burgeſſes to ſerve in the General Aſſembly, and all other Matters therein mentioned, relating to Privileges and Elections, be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections. That all public Claims referred from the ſeveral Seſſions of Aſſembly, in the ſaid Report expreſſed to the Conſideration of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and alſo the Complaint againſt the Clerk and Sheriff of *Lunenburg*, therein
14 ſet forth, be referred to the Committee of Claims; and that all Propoſitions therein alſo mentioned, referred to the Conſideration of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That *Thomas Jett*, mentioned in the ſaid Report, be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms and brought to the Bar of this Houſe to anſwer for his Breach of Privilege, at the Election of Burgeſſes for the County of *King-George*.

M^r *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *William Garland*, Goaler of *Richmond* County, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, *Nemini contradicente*, That no Member of this Houſe has any Right to Privilege in a Proſecution againſt him for having committed a Breach of the Peace.

Ordered, That M^r *Woodbridge*, M^r *Burwell*, and M^r *Lightfoot*, be added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; M^r *George Taylor* and M^r *Walker* to the Committee of Claims; M^r *Peyton* to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice; and M^r *Hutchings* to the Committee of Trade.

A Petition of *Thomas Stephens*, ſetting forth, That he hath received a Reward in *England* to diſcover the Method of making Pot-Aſh to his Majeſty's Subjects in *America*, and hath publiſhed Inſtructions for that Purpoſe, but that he cannot do it ſo effectually as by going thro' the Proceſs himſelf, and therefore praying that the Houſe will give him a Sum, not exceeding £. 100, to procure Materials for that Purpoſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That a Sum, not exceeding £. 100, be given to M^r *Thomas Stephens*, to enable him to conſtruct ſuch Works and purchaſe ſuch Materials as will be neceſſary to diſcover the Method of making Pot-Aſh.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that M^r *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read.

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Speech under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech To-morrow.

M^r *Cary* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Petition of *Joſhua Williams* was committed had examined into the Allegations thereof and found them to be true, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

15 *Reſolved*, That the ſaid *Joſhua Williams* be allowed the Sum of ten Pounds, to be paid by the Public.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance to the ſaid *Joſhua Williams* purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday,

Wedneſday, April 20th, 1757.

A Claim of *Edward James*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *William Bayley*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Roſſon*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *George Turner*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Younger*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *George Bagby*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Lee*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Bagby*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Richard Eubanke*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Whiſler*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Leigh*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Leigh*, Junior, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Clayton*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Edward Waller*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Samuel Hoſkins*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Jarrard Walthall*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Nathaniel Maclanahan*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Robert Thompſon*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Darlin*, for Proviſions found by him for the Uſe of the *Fairfax* Militia.

Alſo a Claim of *Lewis Burwell*, Gentleman, for ſundry Hogſheads of Tobacco burnt in *Bolling*'s-Point Warehouſe, in the County of *Dinwiddie*.

Alſo a Claim of *Theophilus Field*, for one Hogſhead of Tobacco burnt in the ſaid Warehouſe.

Alſo ſundry Claims of *Robert Higginſon*, Ferry-Keeper, *at James-Town*, for tranſporting tributary *Indians* over that Ferry, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

Three Petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of the upper End of *Cumberland* County, in Oppoſition to a Petition ſaid to be preſented to this Aſſembly, whereby it is propoſed to divide the Counties of *Albemarle* and *Cumberland*, and to erect a Part taken from each of thoſe Counties into a new County.

Alſo a Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the ſaid County of *Cumberland*, praying, that if the County of *Albemarle* ſhould be divided, they may be added to the new County.

Alſo a Petition of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Stratton-Major*, in the County of *King* and *Queen*, ſetting forth, That their Glebe is very inconveniently ſituated, 16
and the Houſe thereon in a ruinous Condition, and praying that an Act may paſs to impower them to ſell the ſaid Glebe, and purchaſe another out of the Money ariſing by the Sale thereof.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *King* and *Queen* County, in Oppoſition to a Petition preſented to a late Seſſion of Aſſembly, for putting the Inſpection of Tobacco at *Shepherd*'s and *Turner*'s Warehouſes, in that County, under ſeparate Inſpections, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Landon Carter*, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, reported, That the Committee had further inſpected the Journals of the firſt and ſecond Seſſions of this preſent General Aſſembly, and had prepared and drawn up a further State of the Matters then depending and undetermined, and the Progreſs that was made therein, and had agreed upon a Report, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and is as follows:

That

That it appears to this Committee, That a Petition of *Nathaniel Terry*, ſetting forth, That he had, at great Expence and Trouble, taken ſeveral Perſons, who, in the Diſguiſe of *Indians*, had been robbing and plundering the Inhabitants in the Frontiers of this Colony, and brought them to Juſtice, and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe for ſuch his extraordinary Service, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Petition of the Inhabitants of the County and Borough of *Norfolk*, ſetting forth, That the three Branches of *Elizabeth*-River run thro' the ſaid County, over which and *Tanner*'s Creek are five public Ferries, over one of which moſt of the Inhabitants of the ſaid County are obliged to paſs to Church, Court, and Muſters, which is very expenſive and burthenſome to them, and praying that an Act might paſs to impower the Court of the ſaid County to appoint proper Perſons, yearly, to keep the ſaid Ferry, who ſhould be obliged to ſet the Inhabitants over the ſaid Ferry Ferry-free, and that the ſaid Court might be impowered to levy the Expence of keeping the ſaid Ferry on the Inhabitants of the ſaid County.

Alſo a Petition of *Philip Noland*, in Oppoſition to two Petitions of one *Chapman* and one *Trammell*, which the Petitioner was informed would be preſented to the Houſe, for putting down a Ferry eſtabliſhed from the Petitioner's Land, in the County of *Fairfax*, to *Powell*'s Landing, in the Province of *Maryland*.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Fairfax* County, praying a Diviſion of the ſaid County, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *King* and *Queen*, ſetting forth, That the Warehouſes at *Shepherd*'s and *Turner*'s, in the ſaid County, being under one Inſpection, were very inconvenient to them, and praying that they might be put under ſeparate Inſpections, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

17 That a Petition of the Freeholders and Houſe-Keepers of the Pariſh of *Bath*, in the County of *Dinwiddie*, complaining of illegal and arbitrary Proceedings of the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, and praying the Houſe would make an Enquiry, and take the ſame into their Conſideration.

Alſo a Petition of *William Lightfoot*, Eſq; praying to be allowed for 434 lbs. of Tobacco, burned in *Kennon*'s Warehouſe, in the Year 1752.

Alſo a Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Cumberland*, in the County of *Lunenburg*, praying a Diviſion of the ſaid Pariſh.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Pilots, ſetting forth, That the Fees for Pilotage as eſtabliſhed by Act of Aſſembly, are not ſufficient to recompence them for their Services in that Buſineſs; and praying that the Act of Aſſembly for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees, may be amended.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Lancaſter* County, praying that *Dymers* and *Indian*-Creek Warehouſes might be put under ſeparate Inſpections.

Alſo a Petition of *Robert Wade*, ſetting forth, That the Ferriage by Law eſtabliſhed for the Tranſportation of Tobacco over *Roanoke* River, in *Halifax*, where he is Ferry-Keeper, is too inconſiderable to enable him to maintain the ſaid Ferry; and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That the ſeveral Claims from the County of *Auguſta* were referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, to be more fully explained, and for a regular Return from the Officers of the Militia.

That a Petition of *Robert Haſtie*, praying to be allowed for Goods by him found for the Uſe of the late *Shawneſe* Expedition.

Alſo a Petition of *Thomas Donald*, to the ſame Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to M^r *Henry Robinſon*, M^r *Fleming*, M^r *Robert Bolling*, and M^r *John Nicholas*, to examine into the Allegations of the ſaid Petitions reſpectively,

and

and to report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe. That the ſaid Committee reported; and to which the Houſe agreed, That the ſaid *Robert Haſtie* produced an Account againſt Captain *John Smith* for fundry Goods delivered him at Fort *Frederick*, amounting to £. 7, 13*ſ*. 9*d*. which Account is ſigned *John Smith*, and directed to the Honorable Committee; but it did not appear for what Uſes the ſaid Goods were delivered. That the ſaid *Thomas Donald* alſo produced an Account againſt the ſaid *Smith* for ſundry Goods delivered to him at Fort *Frederick*, amounting to £. 19, 13 *ſ*, 1*d*. which Account is ſigned *John Smith*, and directed to the Honorable Committee; but it did not appear for what Uſes the ſaid Goods were delivered: And thereupon the ſaid Accounts were referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, to be further enquired into.

That the ſeveral Claims of *John Camp*, *Robert Gray*, *James Chapman*, *Solomon Pecure*, *Samuel Bouſh*, *Eraſmus Wethers Allen*, *Francis Wiſdom*, *Lake Anthony*, Jun. *William Hicks*, *Stephen Pettuce*, Jun. *Richard Egleſton*, *John Hendrick*, *Peter Williams*, *John Lattane*, *William Marriott*, *William Terrill*, *Richard Bradford*, Aſſignee of *Thomas Roberts*, *David Lewis*, Jun. *Joſeph Thompſon*, *Drury Seruggs*,[1] *Joſiah Randle*, *John Retterford*, *John Witch*, *Morris Bledſye*, *John Dawſon*, *William Picket*, *Michael Boyer* and 18
Benjamin Williamſon, for taking up Runaways, were preſented to the Houſe and received, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That a Claim of *Joſeph Edwards* for Proviſions found by him for a Detachment of the Militia of *Fairfax* and *Prince-William* Counties, on their March to the Protection of the Frontiers.

Alſo a Claim of *James Taylor* for taking up a Deſerter.

Alſo ſundry Claims of the Militia of the County of *Hampſhire*, were preſented to the Houſe and received, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That the Petition of *Obadiah Woodſon*, ſetting forth, That he is informed that himſelf with others Officers were, by a Council of War held by Major *Andrew Lewis*, deemed and declared mutinous; and that the ill Succeſs of the Expedition againſt the *Shawneſe* was owing to the Petitioner; which Charge, he aſſerts, is highly unjuſt; and praying the Houſe will give him an Opportunity of manifeſting his Innocence, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Lightfoot*, Eſq; and the ſeveral Claims mentioned in the ſaid Report, be referred to the Committee of Claims. That the Petition of the Pilots be referred to the Committee of Trade. And that the Petition of *Nathaniel Terry* and *Obadiah Woodſon*, and the ſeveral Propoſitions in the ſaid Report mentioned, be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

Ordered, That the Petitions of *Robert Haſtie* and *Thomas Donald*, in the ſaid Report alſo mentioned, be referred to M^r^ *Bland*, M^r^ *John Bolling* and M^r^ *Robert Bolling*: That they do examine into the Allegations of the ſaid Petitions reſpectively, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That M^r^ *Hedgman*, M^r^ *Moore*, M^r^ *Cocke*, M^r^ *Travis* and M^r^ *Martin*, be added to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances; that M^r^ *Hedgman* be alſo added to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; that M^r^ *Travis* and M^r^ *Embry* be added to the Committee of Trade; and that M^r^ *Juſtice*, M^r^ *Morton* and M^r^ *Charles Anderſon*, be added to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and the ſeveral Papers to the ſaid Committee referred; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r^ Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r^ *Charles Carter* reported, that the Houſe had had the ſame under their further Conſideration, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

Reſolved,

1. So in the Original.

Reſolved, That the Number of Men now in the Pay of this Colony be augmented, for the Service of the enſuing Year, to One Thouſand.

Reſolved, That the ſaid One Thouſand Men be formed into Ten Companies, conſiſting of One Hundred Men each, including non-commiſſioned Officers, to be commanded by a Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, Major, Ten Captains, and Twenty Lieutenants.

19 *Reſolved*, That five of the ſaid Companies be kept in this Colony for the Protection of our Frontiers, and that four of the ſaid Companies be ſent to the Aſſiſtance of *South-Carolina*, and one Company to gariſon the Fort lately built in the *Cherokee* Country.

Reſolved, That a Sum, not exceeding thirty Thouſand Pounds, be raiſed for defraying the Charges of the ſaid one Thouſand Men and Officers.

Reſolved, That the Sum of three Thouſand Pounds be raiſed for defraying the Charges of ſuch *Indians* as ſhall come to our Aſſiſtance.

M^r *Carter* alſo informed the Houſe, That the Committee, not having Time to go thro' the Governor's Speech, had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, April 21ſt. 1757.

A PETITION of *William Garrard*, ſetting forth, That in *May* laſt he hired to a Gentleman, in his Majeſty's Service, two Horſes, one of which was made Uſe of for twenty-one Days, but the other was never returned, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Albemarle*, in the County of *Suſſex*, ſetting forth, That by Reaſon of the great Extent of the ſaid Pariſh they are ſubject to many Inconveniences, and ſeldom have the Benefit of Divine Service, and praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry other Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, in Oppoſition to the ſaid Petition.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Lunenburg*, ſetting forth, that thro' the Extenſiveneſs of their County they are ſubject to many Inconveniences, and are put to great Difficulties in recovering their juſt Debts, and praying that the ſaid County may be divided.

Alſo a Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Fairfax* to the ſame Purpoſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinions thereupon, to the Houſe.

M^r *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions from ſeveral Counties to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and are as follow:

20 *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that ſo much of the Petition of the Freeholders and Houſe-Keepers in *Albemarle* County, praying that the Land-Tax may be taken off and an equal Poll-Tax laid on every Tithable: That no more of the laſt £. 40,000 Paper Currency may be iſſued, and that the Paper Money hereafter to be iſſued may not bear Intereſt, is reaſonable.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That that it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, praying that a Bank or Loan-Office may be eſtabliſhed, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Freeholders and Merchants of *Louiſa* County, ſetting forth the Hardſhips they labor under for Want of a proper Medium to ſupport Trade, and praying that a Bank, or Loan-Office may be erected, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Stafford*, ſetting forth the Hardſhips they labour under by the Scarcity of Caſh and total Stagnation of Trade and Credit, and praying that Debts may be paid with Lands, Slaves, or other valuable Effects, by a reaſonable Valuation, or that a Loan-Office may be eſtabliſhed, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants above *Rock-Fiſh* River, in *Albemarle* County, praying that a Ferry may be appointed over the upper Ford of the ſaid River, from the Land of *William Cabbell* to the Land of *Allen Howard*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Albemarle*, praying that Quarterly Courts may be eſtabliſhed, in that and ſome other of the Frontier Counties, be rejected.

The firſt Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition from the Inhabitants of the ſaid County of *Albemarle* be rejected.

Then the other Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the fifth Reſolution, and it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Landon Carter*, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, reported, That the Committee had, according to Order, examined what laws have expired ſince the two laſt Seſſions of Aſſembly, and inſpected ſuch temporary Laws as will expire with, or ſoon after the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment, as follow:

Reſolved, That ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, made in the twenty-ninth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt at* Bolling*'s-Point Warehouſe, in the County of* Dinwiddie, *and for the Relief of the Proprietors of Tobacco burnt* 21
in Coan *and* Deep-*Creek Warehouſes*, as relates to the Duty of three Shillings and Six-Pence impoſed on every Hogſhead of Tobacco paſſed at the ſeveral Warehouſes in this Colony, and which will expire on the twentieth Day of *October* next, ought to not be continued.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the twenty-ninth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and training the Militia*, which will expire on the ſecond Day of *October* next, ought to be continued with Amendments.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the twenty-ninth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for amending the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, and for amending and explaining an Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of twenty-five Thouſand Pounds, for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, which will expire, as to ſo much thereof as relates to the paying the Officers and Soldiers in Money, on the fifth Day of *May* next, ought to be further Continued, and that the ſeveral Acts relating to Invaſions and Inſurrections ought to be amended.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly made in the twenty-eighth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for laying an additional Duty on Rum and other diſtilled Spirits, not being of the Produce of his Majeſty's Sugar Iſlands*, which will expire on the firſt Day of *Auguſt* 1758, ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the Act of Aſſembly, made in the twenty-eighth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to explain an Act intituled An Act for raiſing the Sum of twenty Thouſand Pounds, for the Protection of his Majeſty's Subjects againſt the Inſults and Encroachments of the* French, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, as relates to the levying and paying a Duty of ten *per Cent.* on Slaves imported into this Colony, which will expire on the ninth Day of *July* 1758, ought to be continued.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the twenty-ſeventh Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for further continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, which will expire the tenth Day of *June* 1758, ought to be further continued with Amendments.

Reſolved, That the Act of Aſſembly, made in the twenty-ſeventh Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for continuing an Act intituled An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, which will expire at the End of this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, ought to be further continued and amended.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills purſuant to the ſecond and third Reſolutions.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Trade to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills purſuant to the fourth, fifth, and ſixth Reſolutions.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills purſuant to the laſt Reſolution.

A Claim of *James Williamſon*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Hoard*, Senior, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

22 *Ordered*, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to allow the ſaid Claims, reſpectively, in the Book of Claims.

A Petition of *William Darlin*, ſetting forth, That he was ſent out laſt Year, with a Detachment of the Militia, to the Protection of the Frontiers, and that in a Skirmiſh with a Party of *Indians* he received a Shot which broke his Arm in two Places, which has rendered him incapable of getting a Living to ſupport himſelf, his Wife, and three ſmall Children, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to M^r *Martin*, M^r *Fairfax*, M^r *Walker*, and M^r *Hugh Weſt*, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Charles Carter*, reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Speech under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech To-morrow.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom it is referred, to prepare and bring in a Bill, *To eſtabliſh a Ferry over* Rock-Fiſh *River in* Albemarle, that they receive a Clauſe of Clauſes for repealing ſo much of an Act of Aſſembly, made in the twenty-ſecond Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for the Settlement and Regulation of Ferries, and for Diſpatch of public Expreſſes*, as relates to the eſtabliſhing Ferries on *James* River from *Henry Cary*'s Land, over the River to the Land of the ſaid *Cary*: From the Land of Col. *Richard Bland*, in the County of *Prince-George*, to the Land of Mrs. *Anderſon*, in the County of *Charles City*;

and

and from the Land of *William Pride*, called the *Store-Landing*, in the County of *Henrico*, now *Chefterfield*, to *Anthony*'s Landing, in the County of *Prince-George*.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Confideration divers Propofitions, from feveral Counties, to them referred, and had come to feveral Refolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houfe, with an Amendment, as follow:

Refolved, That the Petition of feveral Perfons from the County of *Fairfax*, praying the Law concerning Attachments may be amended, be rejected.

Refolved, That the Petition of the Freeholders and Houfe-Keepers of of the County of *Prince-William*, praying the faid County may be divided into two diftinct Counties, by a Line from the Mouth of *Darrel*'s Run, fo as to allow each County an equal Number of Tiths, is reafonable.

Refolved, That the Petition of the Freeholders and Houfe-Keepers of the faid County, in Oppofition to the faid Petition, be rejected.

Refolved, That the Petition of *George Brett*, and fundry others, Inhabitants of the 23
County of *Prince-William*, praying that a Ferry may be appointed from the Land of the faid *George Brett*, above the Mouth of *Quantico* Creek, over the River *Potomack*, to the Land of *Roger Chamberlayne*, in the Province of *Maryland*, is reafonable.

Refolved, That the Petition of the Minifter, Church-Wardens, and Veftrymen of the Parifh of St. *George*, in the County of *Spotfylvania*, praying that an Act may pafs to impower the faid Veftry to fell the Glebe Land in the faid Parifh, and to purchafe a more convenient Glebe with the Money arifing by the Sale thereof, is reafonable.

Refolved, That the Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Spotfylvania*, praying that the Act of Affembly, made in the Year 1732, intituled, *An Act for altering the Place for holding Courts in the County of* Spotfylvania, may be repealed and made void, be rejected.

Refolved, That the Petition of the Church-Wardens, Veftry, and Parifhoners, of the Parifh of *Lynhaven*, in the County of *Princefs-Anne*, praying that an Act may pafs to enable them to fell a Tract of Land in the faid Parifh, devifed by one *James Jouflin*, for the Ufe of the poor Orphans of the faid Parifh, and to lay out the Money arifing by the Sale thereof in purchafing a more convenient Tract of Land for the fame Ufe, is reafonable.

Refolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Parifh of St. *Stephen*, in the County of *Northumberland*, praying the Veftry of the faid Parifh may be diffolved, be rejected.

Refolved, That the Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Prince-William*, praying that the Laws concerning invafions and infurrections may be altered, fo that they may not be fo often drawn out for the Defence of the Frontiers, be rejected.

On Confideration of the Petition of *Nathaniel Terry*, fetting forth, That he hath been at great Expence and Trouble in apprehending feveral Perfons, who, confederating together, difguifed like *Indians*, had committed feveral Felonies on the Frontiers of this Colony, and praying a Reward for fuch Service.

Refolved, That the faid Petition is reafonable.

Refolved, That the fum of twenty Pounds ought to be paid, by the Public, to the faid *Nathaniel Terry* as a Recompence for his Trouble, and for fatisfying the Perfons that affifted him in apprehending the faid Felons.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purfuant to the fecond, fifth, and feventh Refolutions, and it is referred to the Committee of Propofitions and Grievances to prepare and bring in the fame; and that they receive a Claufe or Claufes in the Bill for eftablifhing a Ferry over *Rock-Fifh* River, in *Albemarle*, to them referred, purfuant to the fourth Refolution.

Ordered,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims to the ſaid *Nathaniel Terry*, purſuant to the laſt Reſolution.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom it is referred, to prepare and bring in a Bill, *To impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh*
24 *of St.* George, *to ſell the Glebe of the ſaid Pariſh*; that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, to enable the Veſtry of *Dale*, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, to ſell a ſmall Piece of Land belonging to the Pariſh of *Briſtol* before the Diviſion thereof, and to divide the Money ariſing upon ſuch Sale equally between the ſaid Pariſhes of *Briſtol* and *Dale*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, April 22d, 1757.

A CLAIM of *Daniel Williams*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo two Claims of *Thomas Lyne*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Abſalom Hammond*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Stoneham*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Tabb*, for a Hogſhead of Tobacco burnt in *Bolling*'s-Point Warehouſe, not mentioned in the Memorial of the Inſpectors at the ſaid Warehouſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Miniſter and Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Stratton-Major*, in the County of *King* and *Queen*, praying that an Act may paſs to enable the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh to ſell their Glebe Land, and to lay out the Money ariſing by the Sale thereof in purchaſing a more convenient Glebe, and erecting Buildings thereon, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Joſias Chapman*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his land, in the County of *Fairfax*, over *Potomack* River, to *Maryland*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Philip Noland*, in Oppoſition to the ſaid Petition, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Propoſition of *Collin Campbell*, of the County of *Northumberland*, for regulating the Militia, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *King* and *Queen*, praying that the Warehouſes at *Shepherd*'s and *Turner*'s in the ſaid County, may be put under ſeparate Inſpections, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Planters and Freeholders of the ſaid County, in Oppoſition to the ſaid Petition, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inſpectors at *Hunting*-Creek Warehouſes, in the County of *Fairfax*, praying an Addition to their Salary, be rejected.

25 *Reſolved*, That the Petition from the County of *Lancaſter*, praying that the Warehouſes at *Dymers*, in the ſaid County, may be put under a ſeparate Inſpection, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants on *Rock-Fiſh* River, in the County of *Albemarle*, praying they may be allowed to clear the ſaid River, be rejected.

Reſolved,

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the firſt Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr *Johnſon* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill, *For eſtabliſhing a Ferry over* Rock-Fiſh *River*, *in* Albemarle, do receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſecond Reſolutions. And,

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes, in the ſaid Bill, for eſtabliſhing a Ferry from *Thomas Anderſon*'s Land, on *Roanoke* River, in the County of *Lunenburg*, to the Land of *James Mitchell*, in the ſaid County, and for raiſing the Rate of the Ferriage at *May*'s (now *Booker*'s) on *Staunton* River, in the County of *Halifax*, to four Pence for a Man and four Pence for a Horſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Walke* be added to the Committee of Trade, Mr *Carrington*, Mr *Hugh Weſt*, Mr *Bell*, and Mr *Stith*, to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice; Mr *Dangerfield*, Mr *Stith*, and Mr *Alexander Bolling*, to the Committee of Claims; and Mr Attorney and Mr *John Nicholas* to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances.

A Petition of *William Newton* and *Thomas Hord*, Inſpectors at *Falmouth*, praying an Addition to their Salaries, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Fairfax*, praying that an Act may paſs for dividing the ſaid County, by the Pariſh-Line, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Back-Inhabitants of the ſaid County of *Fairfax*, praying the ſame may be divided into two diſtinct Counties, by a Line from the Mouth up the main Branch of *Difficult*-Run to the Head thereof, and thence by a ſtreight Line to the Mouth of *Rocky*-Run, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Lunenburg*, praying the ſaid County may be divided into two Counties, by a Line to be run from the Head of *Nottoway*-River to the Fork of *Roanoke*, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, and alſo the Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Cumberland*, in the ſaid County of *Lunenburg*, praying the ſaid Pariſh may be divided into two diſtinct Pariſhes, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Louiſa*, praying that an Expedition may be formed againſt the *Shawneſe* and other *Indian* Tribes upon, and to the Weſtward of the *Ohio*; and that a Factory may be eſtabliſhed on ſome Branch of the *Miſſiſſippi*, and a Fort be built and gariſoned for its Protection, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of *Robert Wade*, praying that the Rate, by Law eſtabliſhed, for tranſporting of a Hogſhead of Tobacco over *Roanoke* River, at the Ferry appointed at his Landing, may be encreaſed, or the Ferry ſunk, be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of the County of *Albemarle*, praying that a Ferry may be appointed over the *Rivanna* River, in that County, where the main Road croſſes it, from the Land of *John Bryants*, on the lower Side, to the oppoſite Land of *Edward Pye Chamberlayne*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Albemarle* County, praying a Ferry may be appointed over the *Fluvanna* River, from the Land of *William Cabbell*, at the Mouth of *Tye* River, on the North Side, to his oppoſite Land, be rejected.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the ſecond and fourth Reſolutions, and it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill, *For eſtabliſhing a Ferry over* Rock-Fiſh *River*, *in* Albemarle, to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the ſeventh Reſolution.

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The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, April 23d, 1757.

MR. *Benjamin Harriſon*, Junior, from the Committee of Trade, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration a Petition of the Pilots of *Rappahannock* River, praying for an Enlargement of their Fees, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected, except ſo much thereof as relates to Pilots being ſent for on Board outward-bound Ships and detained there above two Days before the Veſſel is ready to quit her Moorings, and that in ſuch Caſe the Pilot may demand ſeven Shillings and Six-Pence *per* Day for his Loſs of Time.

27 *Ordered*, That a Bill or Bills, be brought in, to amend the Act paſſed in the 28th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots, and regulating their Fees*, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and it is referred to the Committee of Trade to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Harriſon* alſo, from the ſaid Committee, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For further continuing the additional Duty of Ten per Centum on Slaves.*

Alſo a Bill *For continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for laying an additional Duty on Rum, and other diſtilled Spirits, not being of the Produce of his Majeſty's Sugar Iſlands*, and the ſaid Bills were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Landon Carter*, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For further continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Martin* reported, that the Perſons to whom the Petition of *William Darling* was referred, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and had agreed on a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

It appears to us, that the ſaid *William Darling*, in an Engagement with the *Indians*, was wounded in the Arm.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *William Darling* ought to be paid by the Public the Sum of Ten Pounds, as a Recompence for the Damage he hath received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance to the ſaid *William Darling*, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be diſcharged from proceeding on the Petition of *William Garrard*, to them referred on *Thurſday* laſt; and alſo from the Conſideration of the ſeveral Claims of the Militia of ſundry Counties carried out for the Protection of our Frontiers, which have been preſented to this Houſe ſince the paſſing of the Act made in the 29th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for amending the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, and for amending and explaining an Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of £25,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

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Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Claims, reported that the Committee had under their Conſideration ſeveral Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow.

On Conſideration of the Petition of *James M'Dowell*, ſetting forth, That *Matt*, a Negroe Man Slave, belonging to the Petitioner, ran away, and having committed a Felony and Burglary, was taken up and carried before a Magiſtrate, who ordered him to be 28
whipped and ſent Home to his Maſter; ſoon after which he ran away a ſecond Time, and was outlawed, and about ten Months after was found dead in the Woods, and praying that he may be allowed for the ſaid Slave.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected, it not appearing that the ſaid Slave had committed any Felony after that for which he was carried before the Magiſtrate who diſcharged him.

Reſolved, That *William Lightfoot*, Eſq; ought to be paid by the Public for 434 lbs. of Tranſfer Tobacco which was burned in *Kennon*'s Warehouſe, and not mentioned in the Memorial of the Inſpectors, at the Rate of 13 *ſ.* 6*d.* per Hundred.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims to the ſaid *William Lightfoot*, purſuant to the laſt Reſolution.

Ordered, That Mr *Kendal* be added to the Committee of Claims.

A Claim of *James Martin* for taking up a Runaway, therein mentioned.

Alſo two Claims of *Bendal Straughan*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *William Crawford*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Southy Simpſon*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning, Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, April 25th, 1757.

A Bill *For further continuing the additional Duty of Ten per Centum on Slaves*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Johnſon* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *To enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Stratton-Major, *in the County of* King *and Queen, to ſell their Glebe, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Harriſon*, from the Committee of Trade, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For amending and further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for further continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill *For continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for laying an additional Duty on Rum and other diſtilled Spirits, not being of the Produce of his Majeſty's Sugar-Iſlands*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For dividing the Pariſh of* Cumberland, *in the County of* Lunenburg.

Alſo a Bill *For dividing the County of* Fairfax.

Alſo a Bill *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.* 29

Alſo a Bill *To enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Lynhaven, *in the County of* Princeſs-Anne, *to ſell a Tract or Parcel of Land, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.* And the ſaid Bills were read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Fleming* be added to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, and Mr *Wilſon* to the Committee of Claims.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *St. Anne*, in the County of *Albemarle*, praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to take into their further Conſideration the Governor's Speech, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Speech under further Conſideration, and having gone through the ſame, had come to another Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That a Sum not exceeding Twenty Thouſand Pounds, be raiſed for diſcharging the arrears due for Proviſions, and the Pay of the *Virginia* Regiment and Militia.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Sum of £ 33,000, purſuant to the Reſolutions of the Houſe on *Wedneſday* laſt, and alſo the Sum of £ 20,000 purſuant to the above Reſolution, immediately.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the ſaid Sums of Money, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had that Matter under their Conſideration, but not having Time to conſider fully thereof, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the ſaid Sums of Money, To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, April 26th, 1757.

A Claim of *William Langſton*, for taking up a Runaway, therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Matthew Cobbs*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Leigh*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Leſter*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe, and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committtee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *Obadiah Woodſon*, to them referred, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and is as follows.

It appearing to this Committee to be abſolutely neceſſary, that the Officers who compoſed the Council of War, in the ſaid Petition mentioned, ſhould be examined, which they cannot be during the Sitting of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, being now out on the Frontiers, in the Service of the Country

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petition ought to be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

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The ſaid Reſolution being read a ſecond time, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe agreed thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be recommitted to the ſaid Committee.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That a Petition of the People called Quakers had been preſented to, and read in Council, which they had referred to the Conſideration of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Petition, praying that they may be exempt from appearing at Muſters, and from all other military Service whatſoever, as inconſiſtent with, and repugnant to, the Principles of their Profeſſion, they wholly relying on Divine Providence for their Protection and Defence againſt the common Enemy, was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For dividing the County of* Prince-William; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for laying an additional Duty on Rum, and other diſtilled Spirits, not being of the Produce of his Majesty's Sugar Iſlands*, was read the third Time, and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Junior, do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the additional Duty of Ten per Centum on Slaves*, was read the third Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

Mr Attorney, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Information againſt Mr *John Ruffin*, to them referred, and had examined ſeveral Witneſſes, and heard as well Mr *Clinch* as the ſaid Mr *Ruffin*, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, 31
which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

It appears to this Committee, that Mr *Ruffin* and Son obtained a Judgment in the County-Court of *Surry* the 18th Day of *December*, 1754, againſt Mr *Clinch*, for £. 1209, 15 *ſ.* $4\frac{3}{4}$*d.* Sterling, and Intereſt till paid: That Mr *Clinch* afterwards, towards ſatisfying the Judgment, mortgaged ſome Lands and Slaves, and delivered ſundry Bonds to Mr *Ruffin*, which were by him accepted in Part of the ſaid Debt, on Condition the Money due on the ſaid Bonds could be recovered. That after this, Mr *Clinch* and Mr *Ruffin* had a further Treaty about diſcharging the ſaid Debt; and on the 3d Day of *January*, 1755, Mr *Clinch* wrote to Mr *Ruffin*, that he was prepared to ſettle, as he hoped, to his (Mr *Ruffin*'s) Satisfaction, and that he was impatient that he delayed coming. That Mr *Ruffin*, after Receipt of that Letter, went to Mr *Clinch*'s in order to make a final Settlement of their Diſputes; and Mr *Clinch* deſired him to walk into an inner Room, which he faſtened; and after they had been in the ſame ſome Time, Mr *Ruffin* came out in great Confuſion, and declared Mr *Clinch* had extorted from him a Diſcharge for the whole Debts, and afterwards demanded of Mr *Clinch* the laſt Papers, who ſaid he would keep them till he ſaw him again, and returned into the ſame Room, and ſhut himſelf up. That Mr *Ruffin* applied to the Governor, ſetting forth his Caſe, and obtained a Warrant to apprehend Mr *Clinch*, who having Notice thereof, kept in his Houſe armed, upon which ſeveral People were by the proper Officers ſummoned to apprehend him, who went armed, and continued about Mr *Clinch*'s Houſe from Saturday Night till *Monday* Night about twelve o'Clock. That while this Matter was in Agitation, ſeveral Meſſa-

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ges paſſed between Mr *Ruffin* and Mr *Clinch*; and at length it was agreed, that Mr *Clinch* ſhould deliver up a Receipt and Releaſe which Mr *Ruffin* alledged he had extorted from him, and ſhould give Security for the Payment of the Debt; and that Mr *Ruffin* ſhould deliver up the Mortgage, which was done, and the Receipt and Releaſe, both which were wrote by Mr *Clinch*, and dated the 19th Day of *December*, 1754, were publicly read to a large Number of People then aſſembled, and afterwards, together with the Mortgage, burned, as Mr *Clinch*, at the Time of delivering them up, inſiſted they ſhould be, the Receipt being for £. 800, and the Releaſe diſcharged the mortgaged Premiſſes from the Reſidue of the Debt. That Mr *Clinch* afterwards declared, the old Gentleman (Mr *Ruffin*) was damnably ſcared, and did not know the Muzzle from the Butt End of a Piſtol; for that he only took a Piſtol, and put it under his Arm.

Reſolved, That Mr *Ruffin* hath fully juſtified the Matter contained in the ſaid Charge.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the ſaid *William Clinch* be expelled, and that he be forever hereafter rendered incapable of ſitting or voting in this Houſe.

Reſolved, That an Addreſs be made to the Governor, to order a new Writ to iſſue
32 for the electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Surry*, in the Room of the ſaid *William Clinch*, and that Mr *Cocke* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

The Houſe being informed that ſeveral Articles, of an extravagant and extraordinary Nature, were charged in the Account againſt the Public, from the County of *Halifax*,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims examine the ſaid Accounts, and report their Opinion to the Houſe upon ſuch Articles, in the ſaid Account, as ſhall appear to them unjuſt and illegal.

A Petition of *Sarah Morton*, Widow, ſetting forth, That her late Huſband, who was a Captain of the Militia of County, went out in order to apprehend ſome Deſerters who were drafted out of the ſaid Militia, and was killed by one of them in endeavouring to apprehend him, by which Means ſhe has loſt the chief Support of her Family, and is reduced to great Diſtreſs; and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Lemuel Riddick*, Gent. praying that an Act may paſs, to impower him to clear *Summerton* Creek, in the County of *Nanſemond*, and that he may demand a reaſonable Toll of all Veſſels paſſing and repaſſing the ſame, ſo as to render it navigable for ſmall Craft, at his own Expence, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills, be brought in, purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petitioner; and it is referred to Mr *Riddick* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Sum of £. 53,000, purſuant to the ſeveral Reſolutions of the Houſe; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had that Matter under their further Conſideration, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments, and is as follows.

Reſolved, That the Sum of £. 53,000, to be levied, be raiſed by a Tax of Two Shillings on every Hogſhead of Tobacco exported out of this Colony, to commence in the Year 1758, and to continue ſeven Years; alſo a Tax of one Shilling on every Hundred Acres of Land, to commence in the Year 1761, and to continue four Years; alſo a Tax of one Shilling per Poll on every tithable Perſon, to commence in the Year 1761, and to continue four Years; and alſo an additional Duty of Ten per Centum on all Slaves imported, to commence on the 9th Day of *July*, 1758, to continue ſeven Years.

Ordered,

Ordered, That a Bill, or Bills, be brought in, purſuant to the Reſolutions of the Committee, agreed to by the Houſe on *Wedneſday* laſt, and alſo to the above Reſolution; and it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of *Thomas Danſie*, ſetting forth, That in Purſuance of an Act paſſed at 33
a former Seſſion of Aſſembly, he hath at great Expence, Labor, and Trouble, erected a good Cauſway over the Marſh oppoſite to his Landing in *King William*, but that it will not be in his Power to keep the ſame in good Repair, which he is obliged to do by the ſaid Act, unleſs the Ferry at *Claiborne*'s is put down, where (in order to entice People and draw them away from paſſing over the River at his ſaid Cauſway) the Ferry-Keeper ſets Paſſengers over the River for a leſs Ferriage than is by Law eſtabliſhed, and therefore praying that the ſaid Ferry at *Claiborne*'s may be diſcontinued, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed over the *Fluvanna*, from *Lynch*'s Landing, in the ſaid County of *Bedford*, to the Land of *Micajah Moorman*, in *Albemarle* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, April 27th, 1757.

MR. *Lemuel Riddick* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *To impower* Lemuel Riddick *to clear* Summerton *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *William Rand*, praying that an Act may paſs to impower him to build a Bridge over the Weſtern Branch of *Pagan* Creek, from the Land of *William Hodſden* to the Land of *Richard Reynolds* in the County of *Iſle* of *Wight*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Lemuel Riddick* and Mr *Burwell* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of *John Wheatley*, praying to be allowed for dieting and lodging tributary *Indians*, when in *Williamſburg*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again read and are as follow:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of the Inhabitants on the North Side the *Rivanna*, above the Mouth of *Barrenger*'s Creek, in the Pariſh of *St Anne*, in the County of *Albemarle*, praying that Part of the ſaid Pariſh may be 34
added to the Pariſh of *Frederickſville*, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Albemarle*, on the South Side the *Fluvanna*, praying the ſaid County and Pariſh may be divided, by the ſaid River *Fluvanna*, and a Line be run from the Fork thereof to ſtrike *Appomattox* River, near *Green* Creek, be rejected.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that that Part of the Petition of the Freeholders and Inhabitants on the South Side the *Fluvanna* River, praying that the Pariſh of *St. Anne*, in the ſaid County, may be divided, by the main *Fluvanna* River, into two diſtinct Pariſhes, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, praying the ſaid County of *Albemarle* may be divided, by the ſaid *Fluvanna* River, into two diſtinct Counties, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petitions from the County of *Cumberland*, in oppoſition to the Petitions from the County of *Albemarle*, for dividing the ſaid County into two Counties, are reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of the Inhabitants of the upper End of *Cumberland* County, praying to be added to a new County to be taken off from *Albemarle* County, be rejected.

The three firſt Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The fourth Reſolution being alſo read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the firſt and third Reſolutions, and alſo to the Prayer of the Petition from the County of *Albemarle*, mentioned in the fourth Reſolution, which was agreed to by the Houſe, and it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That the two laſt Reſolutions be recommitted to the ſaid Committee.

Ordered, That Mr *Lemuel Riddick* be added to the Committees of Privileges and Elections, Propoſitions and Grievances, and Trade; Mr *Fleming* to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grivances, and Mr *Naſh* to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of the People called Quakers, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and is as follows:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that ſo much of the ſaid Petition as relates to the leſſening the Militia Fines, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Alexander Mackie*, ſetting forth, That in *June* laſt, he, by Order of the Governor, ſupplied Capt. *Smith* (who was appointed to the Command of *Vauſe*'s Fort, in *Auguſta*) with Powder and other Goods for the Uſe of the Soldiers under his Command, for which he has not yet received any Satisfaction, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Fleming*, Mr *Cary*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Harriſon*, and Mr *Cocke*, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr Attorney, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Returns of ſeveral Writs for electing Burgeſſes to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, and had come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Return of the Writ for electing a Burgeſs for the County of *Spotſylvania* is made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Reſolved, That the Returns of the Writs for electing a Burgeſs for the County of *Hanover*, and for the County of *Bedford*, are not made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Returns of the ſaid laſt mentioned Writs be amended by the Clerk at the Table.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Norfolk*, praying that an Act may paſs to impower the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common-Council Men of that Borough to enact ſuch Bye-Laws as they ſhall think neceſſary for the Eſtabliſhment of a daily Market there, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

M^r *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that that Part of the Petition of the Inſpectors of Tobacco at *Oſborn*'s, in the County of *Cheſterfield*, praying to be paid for a Hogſhead of Tobacco that was ſtolen, and ſome further Allowance for their laſt Year's Service, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Reſidue of the ſaid Petition, praying their Salary may be encreaſed for the future, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of *Thomas Danſie*, praying the Ferry at *Claiborne*'s, on *Pamonkey* River, may be put down, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, that it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of *Sarah Moreton*, Widow, praying ſome Allowance for herſelf and Children, in Conſideration of her Huſband's being killed in endeavouring to apprehend ſome Perſons who by Law were deemed inliſted Soldiers, is reaſonable. 36

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Sum of twenty Pounds ought to be paid by the Public to the ſaid *Sarah Moreton*, for the Relief of herſelf and Children.

The two firſt Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The third Reſolution being alſo read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, that the Petition of the ſaid *Thomas Danſie* be rejected.

The two laſt Reſolutions being alſo read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance to the ſaid *Sarah Moreton* purſuant to the laſt Reſolution.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *King-William* County, praying for Leave to build Hedges and fiſhing Wares in the Rivers *Mattapony* and *Pamonkey*.

Alſo a Petition of *John Conſee* and *John Hall*, of the County of *Halifax*, ſetting forth, That the Sheriff of that County, ſome Time ſince, impreſſed from each of the Petitioners a Horſe and Saddle, to convey Criminals from that County to *Williamſburg*, which were loſt, and praying that they may be paid for the ſame, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read, and the the Queſtion being severally put that the ſaid Petitions be referred to a Committee,

It *paſſed in the Negative.*

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petitions be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday,

Thurſday, April 28th, 1757.

A MEMBER returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Committee of Privileges and Elections be diſcharged from proceeding further on the Petition of *Charles Weſt*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Ralph Juſtice*; and alſo on the Petition of *William Bernard*, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Philip Ludwell Lee*, Eſq; to ſerve as Burgeſſes in this preſent General Aſſembly.

37 A Petition of *James Lockhart*, Sheriff of *Auguſta*, ſetting forth, That ſome Time laſt Summer he received a ſpecial Warrant from his Honor the Governor to take up one *John Oneal*, on Suſpicion of High Treaſon, which he executed with ſome Difficulty and Expence, for which he has received no Satisfaction, and praying the Conſideration of the Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Armiſtead Churchill*, Gent. ſetting forth, That he is ſeized in Fee-Tail of 2280 Acres of Land, lying in the Pariſh of *Lunenburg*, in the County of *Richmond*; That he has already made Proviſion for his eldeſt Son, to whom the ſaid Lands would deſcend after the Petitioner's Death, by which Means he has rendered himſelf incapable of providing for his younger Children, unleſs he is impowered to diſpoſe of the ſaid Lands, and praying that an Act may paſs for that Purpoſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petitioner, and it is referred to Mr Attorney to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Claim of *Thomas Tiſdale*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Nathaniel Williams*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Archelaus Hughes*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo two Claims of *Nathaniel Williams*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Chandler*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Shelburn*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Lemuel Riddick* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *To impower* William Rand *to build a bridge over* Pagan *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Dettingen*, in the County of *Prince-William*, complaining of ſundry illegal, arbitrary, and oppreſſive Proceedings of the preſent Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, and praying that the ſame may be diſſolved, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Mary Longdon*, ſetting forth, That her Huſband who was a Serjeant in Capt. *Polſon*'s Company, was killed at the Battle of *Monongahela*, leaving herſelf and three young Children in very Neceſſitious Circumſtances, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *John Weſt*, Mr *Hugh Weſt*, Mr *Hedgman*, and Mr *Dangerfield*, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Eyre* be added to the Committees of Claims and Trade, and Mr *William Thornton* to the Committee of Claims. 38

A Petition of *Francis Triplett*, ſetting forth, That he entered a Volunteer into the *Prince-William* Militia, which was ſent out laſt *June* to the Protection of the Frontiers, where in a Skirmiſh with a Party of the Enemy he received a moſt dangerous Wound in his Right Arm, for the Cure of which he was at conſiderable Expence, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Jun. Mr *Dangerfield*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, and Mr *Adams*, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Bill, *For further continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr *Speaker* reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be made To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, April 29th, 1757.

A CLAIM of *Richard Bennett*, for taking up a runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Gideon Marr*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo two Claims of *Robert Andrews*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

A Petition of ſundry Houſe-Keepers and other Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Waſhington*, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, complaining of divers illegal and oppreſſive Proceedings of the preſent Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, and praying that the ſame may be diſſolved.

Alſo a Petition of *Archibald Campbell*, Miniſter of the ſaid Pariſh of *Waſhington*, ſetting forth, That ſome Time ago the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, upon Application to the General Aſſembly, were impowered to diſpoſe of a Tract of Land deviſed to the ſaid Pariſh, by one Mr *Horton*, for a Glebe, and to lay out the Money ariſing by the Sale thereof in purchaſing another Tract of Land for a Glebe in Lieu thereof, which they accordingly executed; but that inſtead of the former Glebe, which was very good Land and lay convenient to the Churches in the Pariſh, the ſaid Veſtry had purchaſed a worthleſs barren Spot of Ground in one Corner of the Pariſh, which has rendered the Petitioner's Attendance on the ſeveral Churches in the Pariſh much more inconvenient than before, beſides greatly reducing his Income; and praying that an Act may paſs 39 directing the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh to diſpoſe of the ſaid Land, and purchaſe another more convenient and profitable Glebe in Lieu thereof.

Alſo a Petition of the Miniſter, Veſtry, and others of the Pariſh of *St. Paul*, in the County of *Stafford*, in Oppoſition to a Petition lately preſented to this Aſſembly, for diſſolving the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, that they do examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr Attorney, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of Mr *Anthony Holliday*, to them

them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of Mr *Willis Riddick*, to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Nanſemond*, and had agreed upon a Report and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

That the ſaid Mr *Holliday* not appearing, nor any Perſon on his Behalf to make out the Allegations of the ſaid Petition,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Mr *Willis Riddick* is duly elected to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly for the ſaid County of *Nanſemond*.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County and Borough of *Norfolk*, praying an Act may paſs to impower the Juſtices of the ſaid County-Court to agree with Perſons to keep Ferries over the Branches of *Elizabeth* River and *Tanner*'s Creek, to ſet the Inhabitants of the ſaid County over Ferry-free, and to impower the ſaid Juſtices to levy the Expence thereof on the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of the Borough of *Norfolk*, praying that a Law may paſs impowering the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common-Council Men, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, to make from Time Time ſuch Bye-Laws as they ſhall think neceſſary for holding a Market in the ſaid Borough every Day in the Week, except *Sundays*, is reaſonable.

The firſt Reſolution being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſecond Reſolution be put off till *Monday* next.

Mr *Carter* alſo reported, That the Committee had had under their further Conſideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of the upper End of *Cumberland* County, praying that the Line between that County and *Albemarle* County may be moved down *Appomattox* River to the Mouth of *Angola* Creek, and the ſaid upper Inhabitants be added to a new County to be taken off *Albemarle*; and the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants and Freeholders of the upper End of *Cumberland* County, in Oppoſition thereto, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follow:

Reſolved, That the ſaid firſt mentioned Petition be rejected.

Reſolved, That the Petition in Oppoſition thereto is reaſonable.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petitions of *James Lockhart* and *John Peyton*, Jun. to them referred, and had come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the ſaid *James Lockhart* ought to be allowed 300 lbs. of Tobacco for his Trouble and Expence in apprehending *John Oneal*, in his Petition mentioned, he having already received 800 lbs. of Tobacco from the County of *Auguſta* for removing the ſaid *Oneal* from the County to the Public Goal.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the Petition of *John Peyton*, Jun. for an Allowance for the Loſs of his Negroe Man's Service, during his Confinement in *Fairfax* County Goal for Felony, he never receiving any Trial on the Commiſſion of Oyer and Terminer obtained for that Purpoſe, be rejected.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee to make an Allowance to the ſaid *James Lockhart* in the Book of Claims, purſuant to the firſt Reſolution.

Mr *Charles Carter*, according to Order, reported the Amendments made by the Committee of the whole Houſe to the Bill *For further continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Charles Carter*, Jun. reported, That the Committee to whom the Petition of *Francis Triplett* was referred, had examined into the Allegations thereof and found them to be true, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Francis Triplett* ought to be allowed the Sum of fifty-five Pounds, to be paid by the Public.

Mr *Fleming* reported, That the Committee to whom the Petition of *Alexander Mackie* was referred, had examined into the Allegations thereof and found them to be true, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Alexander Mackie* ought to be paid by the Public the Sum of fourteen Pounds for Lead, Shot, and Gun-Flints, charged in the Account in the ſaid Petition mentioned. 41

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will receive no Petitions or Claims after *Monday* Se'nnight.

A Bill *To impower* Lemuel Riddick *to clear* Summerton *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Cary* and the Members for *Nanſemond*, *Iſle* of *Wight*, and *Southampton*.

A Petition of *Archibald Richie*, Proprietor of the Warehouſes at *Hobb*'s Hole, in the County of *Eſſex*, praying to be allowed for ſundry Repairs of the Wharff at the ſaid Warehouſe, the Rents thereof not being ſufficient to reimburſe him, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Bill *For dividing the County of* Fairfax.

Alſo a Bill *For dividing the County of* Prince-William.

Alſo a Bill *For dividing the Pariſh of* Cumberland, *in the County of* Lunenburg.

Alſo a Bill *To impower* William Rand *to build a Bridge over* Pagan *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, were ſeverally read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bills be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Staunton* Town, in *Auguſta* County, ſetting forth, That they ſupplied and maintained the *Cherokee Indians* on their March to and from the ſaid Town of *Winchester*, and praying that they may be allowed for the ſame according to their ſeveral Accounts, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Bill *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Cary*, Mr *Bates*, and Mr *Booker*.

A Bill *To enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Lynhaven, *in the County of* Princeſs-Anne, *to ſell a Tract or Parcel of Land, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond

ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, April 30th, 1757.

AN ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of* Cumberland, *in the County of* Lunenburg, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

42 *Ordered*, That M^r *Naſh* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower* William Rand *to build a Bridge over* Pagan *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Willis Riddick* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

M^r *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties to them referred, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Dettingen* Pariſh, in the County of *Prince-William*, praying the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That the Petition of the Freeholders and Houſekeepers of *Waſhington* Pariſh, in *Weſtmoreland* County, praying the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved be rejected.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the firſt Reſolution, and it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of *Thomas Jett*, late Sheriff of *King-George* County, ſetting forth, That he was from Home when the Meſſenger ſent up, purſuant to an Order of this Houſe, arrived at his Houſe, to take him into Cuſtody to anſwer for his Miſbehaviour at the Election of Burgeſſes for the ſaid County, but that as ſoon as he was informed of it he came down and ſurrendered himſelf into the Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms: That he acknowledges the ſaid Offence and humbly aſketh Pardon for the ſame, and praying to be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying Fees, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Thomas Jett* be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying Fees.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Prince William, was read a third Time and the Blanks therein filled up, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Bill do paſs,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, May 2d, 1757.

UPON a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *For Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt in* Crutchfield's and *Pitt*'s *Warehouſes*, and it is referred to the Members for *Caroline*, *New-Kent*, *Hanover*, *King-William*, and *Accomack* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Report from the Commiſſioners appointed by an Act of Aſſembly, [43]
intituled, *An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to take and ſtate Accounts of the Tobacco burnt in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes, and other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, be referred to the ſaid Committee.

A Claim of *Thomas Meriwether*, for one Hogſhead of Tobacco burnt in *Crutchfield*'s Warehouſe.

Alſo a Claim of *Benjamin Brown*, for 185 lbs. of Tobacco burnt in the ſaid Warehouſe.

Alſo a Claim of *James Bunch*, for 315 lbs. of Tobacco burnt in the ſaid Warehouſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the above mentioned Committee to allow the ſaid Claims in the ſaid Bill.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants on *Yeocomico* River and Branches thereof, in *Northumberland* County, in Oppoſition to a Petition they expect will be preſented to this Aſſembly, for removing the Warehouſe on that River to the Land of *Daniel Tibbs*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, That they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Brunſwick*, in the County of *King-George*, complaining of ſome injurious Proceedings of the preſent Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh, and praying that the ſame may be diſſolved, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For raiſing the Sum of fifty-three Thouſand Pounds for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Mr *John Naſh* be added to the Committee of Claims.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Fairfax, was read the third Time and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Fairfax* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Overwharton*, in the County of *Stafford*, to them referred, praying that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr Attorney, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *Richard Woods*, *David Cloyd*, and *Joſeph Lapſley*, to them referred, ſetting forth, That they were altogether [44]
innocent of the Matters alledged againſt them by *James Lockhart*, Sheriff of the County of *Auguſta*, and were ſo far from encouraging the Tumult, that happened at the Election of Burgeſſes for that County, that the Petitioner *Woods* often applied to the Sheriff to command Aſſiſtance to ſuppreſs the ſame, offering his own Aſſiſtance therein, all which the Petitioners averred they were ready to prove; and that the Committee had agreed upon a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Your Committee beg Leave to inform the Houſe that there appears to be great Contrariety of Evidence in this Caſe: It appearing from the Depoſitions taken by the Petitioners,

Petitioners, That on the 17th Day of *December* 1755, the Day appointed for Election of Burgeſſes for the ſaid County of *Auguſta* to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, the Poll was taken till towards the Evening, when the People crowded into the Court-Houſe and preſſed upon the Sheriff, who ſtruck ſeveral of the Freeholders with his Staff on the Shins, and puſhed them with the ſame in the Breaſt and other Parts of the Body, and threatened to puſh it down their Throats if they did not keep back: That he was deſired to ſummon a Guard to keep the Crowd off, and that the Petitioner *Woods* offered to be one of the Guard: That the Sheriff whiſpered to ſeveral Freeholders as they came to vote to know who they were for, and then refuſed to take their Votes: That he ſeveral Times during the Election left the Court-Houſe, which ſtopped the ſame while he was out: That after Candles were lighted the Petitioners *Lapſley* and *Cloyd* came to give their Votes, and the Sheriff ſeized *Lapſley* by the Breaſt and puſhed him backwards on a Bench, upon which *Cloyd*, with ſome Warmth, ſaid, "Collar me too Sir;" that *Lapſley* and *Cloyd* then gave in their Votes, and the Poll was continued ſome Time afterwards. And from the Depoſitions taken by the Sheriff it appears, That while the Poll was taking the Petitioner *Lapſley* pulled out his Purſe in the Court-Yard and offered to wager that Mr *Preſton* and Mr *Alexander*, two of the Candidates, would go Burgeſſes, and that he and his Party would carry the Day; and that the Petitioner *Woods* was noiſy and loud in the Intereſt of Mr *Alexander*, and offered to wager as *Lapſley* did: That when the Crowd preſſed on the Sheriff he endeavoured to keep them back in a civil Manner, by putting his Stick a-croſs their Breaſts, and ſummoned a Guard to aſſiſt him, which was broke thro': That a Perſon came out of the Court-Houſe and ſaid to *Cloyd*, "The Election is going againſt us," who anſwered, "It ſhould not, if we cannot carry it one Way we will have it another: I will put a Stop to the Election;" and immediately the Crowd encreaſed: That when *Lapſley* preſſed thro' the Crowd to give his Vote the Sheriff deſired him to keep back, but he puſhed on and ſeized the Sheriff and puſhed him againſt the Table: That after *Lapſley* and *Cloyd* had voted, the Sheriff deſired them to withdraw, which they did not do, and in a ſhort Time afterwards the Candles were ſtruck out by the Petitioner *Woods*, and the Riot began which put an End to the Election, the Sheriff being thrown on the Table, which was broke under him, and the Clerks fled to the Bench; and during the Tumult *Lapſley* called out, "Lads, Stand by me. I'll pay the Fine, coſt what it will: You know I am able." And all the ſaid laſt mentioned Depoſitions mention that there was no unbecoming Behaviour in the Sheriff that Day.

Reſolved, That the Petitioners have not proved the Allegations of their Petition.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to allow the ſaid *James Lockhart* his reaſonable Charges and Expences in attending this Houſe to defend himſelf againſt the Petitions of the ſaid *Woods*, *Cloyd*, and *Lapſley*, and that the ſaid Committee levy the ſame in the Book of Claims againſt the ſaid Petitioners.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Honor the Governor, to inform him we have heard his Honor has ordered two Companies of the Regiment now in the Service of the Colony, to march from our Frontiers, in Order to their Embarkation to *South-Carolina*, and to deſire his Honor to countermand his Orders, ſo as to leave five Hundred Men to protect the Frontiers, and that Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Fairfax*, Mr *Randolph*, and Mr *Landon Carter*, do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

A Petition of *Thomas Penman*, Keeper of the public Goal, ſetting forth, That at a former Seſſion of Aſſembly the Houſe was pleaſed to alter the Method of paying his Salary, by encreaſing his Allowance for maintaining the Priſoners, which hath hitherto been continued to him to the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and praying that the ſame Method may be further continued, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the additional Sum of £ 15. be paid to the ſaid *Thomas Penman*, every Year, over and above his uſual Salary of £ 25.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That ten Pounds of Tobacco *per* Day be allowed the ſaid *Thomas Penman* for every Criminal committed to the ſaid Goal, during ſuch Criminal's Impriſonment, from this Time to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to take into Conſideration that Part of the Report from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, made on *Monday* laſt, which was referred to be conſidered this Day.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Report be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, May 3d, 1757.

UPON a Motion made,

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Honor the Governor, to acquaint him that this Houſe taking under their moſt ſerious Conſideration the Load of heavy Taxes which the People of this Colony muſt neceſſarily ſuſtain for carrying on the preſent War, which they are deſirous to proſecute with a becoming Vigor and Reſolution, and reflecting on the great and inſuperable Inconveniences which muſt attend the raiſing of Supplies from a total Stagnation of our Trade, occaſioned by the preſent Embargo, whereby not only the very large Quantities of Grain this Colony is able to ſpare, in this Year of great Plenty, to relieve the Diſtreſſes of our Fellow-Subjects in other Parts of his Majeſty's Dominions, muſt unavoidably periſh and be loſt, but alſo the greateſt Part of our Tobacco, the only Commodity by which we can gain Credit in *Great-Britain*, muſt remain unexported, and the People be thereby rendered incapable of paying their Taxes: We think it our indiſpenſable Duty to beſeech your Honor in the moſt humble and earneſt Manner to take off the ſaid Embargo; and that Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Jun. Mr *Landon Carter*, and Mr *Bland*, do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs. 46

A written Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr *Speaker*,

"I am commanded by the Governor to deliver to your Houſe two Letters from Capt. "*Mercer*, dated at Fort *Loudoun*, the one of the 24th, the other of the 26th of laſt Month, "directed to Col. *George Waſhington*, and communicated by him to his Honor, relating "to the Conduct of the *Indians*, with the Speeches incloſed of ſome of the Warriors and "Capt. *Mercer*'s Anſwers. Alſo two Letters from Col. *Waſhington* to his Honor "containing ſuch Matters as he judged merited the Aſſembly's Notice, and recommend-"ing an Enſign to each Company, an Adjutant, a Quarter-Maſter, and a Chaplain, which "his Honor omitted to mention in the Eſtimate of Expence delivered to you."

And the ſaid Meſſage and Letters were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Prince William*, in Oppoſition to a Petition preſented to this Aſſembly, for a Diviſion of the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *For preventing fraudulent Gifts made of Slaves*, and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Cary* reported, That the Committee to whom the Bill, *To impower* Lemuel Riddick *to clear* Summerton *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was committed, had made two Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Perſons appointed had, according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor, with the Addreſs of this Houſe, purſuant to the Reſolution

Reſolution Yeſterday agreed to by the Houſe, to which his Honor was pleaſed to anſwer, that he would comply with the Requeſt of this Houſe therein.

47 A Petition of *Daniel Smith*, ſetting forth, That his late Brother, *John Smith*. was a Lieutenant in a Company of Rangers till his Death, which happened at *Vaulx*'s Fort, in *Auguſta*: That his ſaid Brother never received any Pay in his Life; and the Petitioner, who has admininſtered on his Eſtate, hath received but £.10 ſince his Death, and praying to be allowed what may appear to be due to the ſaid Eſtate, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.53,000, for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Mr *John Weſt* reported, that the Committee to whom the Petition of *Mary Longdon* was referred, had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and agreed upon a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

It appears that *Thomas Longdon*, late Huſband to the Petitioner, was a Serjeant in Capt. *Pyronnee*'s Company, and that the other Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Mary Longdon* ought to be allowed the Sum of £. 10, to be paid by the Public.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee to whom the Bill *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other purpoſes therein mentioned*, is committed, that they receive a Clauſe, or Clauſes, for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over the *Fluvanna* River, at the Mouth of *Black-water* Creek, from the Land of *Edward Lynch*, in *Bedford*, to the Land *Micajah Moorman*, in the County of *Albemarle*.

A Bill *To enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Stratton-Major, *in the County of* King *and* Queen, *to ſell their Glebe, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Bill *For amending and further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for further continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to the Committee of Trade.

A Petition of ſundry of the Militia of the County of *Culpeper*, praying to be allowed for the Time they were out in his Majeſty's Service, for the Protection of our Frontiers, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

48 A Claim of *William Cowne* for 611 lbs. of Tobacco burned in *Crutchfield*'s Warehouſe, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee to whom it it referred to bring in a Bill *For the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burned in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes*, to allow the ſaid Claim in the ſaid Bill.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday,

Wedneſday, May 4th, 1757.

A PETITION of *Edmund Taylor*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed over *Roanoke* River, in *Lunenburg*, from his Land to the Land of *Thomas Anderſon*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee appointed had, according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor with the Addreſs of this Houſe for taking off the Embargo, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſend an Anſwer thereto by a Meſſage to the Houſe.

A Claim of *Jeremiah Smith*, for Salt provided by him for the Uſe of the *Hampſhire* Militia when in Service on our Frontiers.

Alſo two Claims of *John Walker*, for the ſame Service, and for a Horſe impreſſed into the Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Crouch*, for five Days Uſe of a Horſe impreſſed into his Majeſty's Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Benjamin Rutherford*, for Proviſions for the ſaid Militia.

Alſo ſeveral Claims of *Job Pearcall*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Landon Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For preventing fraudulent Gifts of Slaves*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *William Hunter*, Printer, ſetting forth, That his ſalary, as Public Printer, will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and praying that the ſame may be further continued, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the Sum of £.300 per Annum be allowed to *William Hunter*, Printer, to continue to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, as a full Conſideration for printing the Journal of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, printing the Laws of each Seſſion, and ſending 13 of them to every County-Court Clerk, one of which to be Half bound, for the Uſe of the Court, printing Inſpectors Notes, and Books, Proclamations, and other public Advertiſements.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be engroſſed, and that Mr *Bland* do carry up the ſame to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Petition of ſundry Merchants and others of the County of *Hanover*, and of the adjacent Counties, ſetting forth, That the Quantity of Tobacco inſpected at *Page*'s and *Crutchfield*'s Warehouſes has of late ſo greatly increaſed that it is impoſſible for the Inſpectors at thoſe Warehouſes to do their Duty, either in inſpecting or delivering out the Tobacco for Exportation, and praying that another Inſpector may be added to each of the ſaid Warehouſes, with a reaſonable Salary, was preſented to the Houſe and read. 49

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A written Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"I am commanded by the Governor to deliver to your Houſe a Copy of a Letter his "Honor has juſt now received from the Earl of *Loudoun*, dated at *New-York* the 24th "of laſt Month. His Honor hopes that after you have taken the Contents of the ſaid "Letter under Conſideration you will paſs a ſhort Act for paying the Arrears due to the "Officers and Soldiers of the *Virginia* Regiment, and to enable him to ſend 200 of them, "mentioned in his Lordſhip's Letter, with all Expedition to *South-Carolina*, as the Man "of War with the Troops from the Northward is daily expected."

And

And the ſaid written Meſſage and Letter therein mentioned were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That the Governor be addreſſed to deſire his Honor will be pleaſed to direct that all neceſſary Preſents be forthwith ſent to Fort *Loudoun* to the ſeveral *Indians* that have joined us at that Fort; and to aſſure his Honor that this Houſe will, with all convenient Diſpatch, fall on proper Methods for defraying all Expences attending the ſame; and that Mr *Landon Carter* do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *To enlarge the Power of the Corporations of the City of* Williamſburg *and Borough of* Norfolk, *with Reſpect to their Markets*, and it is referred to Mr Attorney to prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.53,000, for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That the written Meſſage from the Governor, together with the ſeveral Letters and Papers, Yeſterday laid before the Houſe by his Honor's Command, as alſo his Honor's written Meſſage of this Day with Lord *Loudoun*'s Letter, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

50 *Reſolved*, That an humble Addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor, that he will be pleaſed to give Orders that 200 of the Soldiers, with their proper Officers, now in the Pay of this Colony, do immediately march to ſome Place convenient for their Embarkation, that they may be ready to join the Forces from the Northward that are deſtined for *South-Carolina*; and to aſſure his Honor that this Houſe will, with all poſſible Diſpatch, make Proviſion for the Payment of the Arrears due to the Officers and Soldiers.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr *Carter* alſo informed the Houſe, That the Committee not having Time to go thro' the ſaid Bill, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances be diſcharged from preparing Bills *For amending and continuing the Act for the better Regulation and training the Militia*, and alſo the ſeveral Acts relating to Invaſions and Inſurrections, and it is referred to the Committee for Courts of Juſtice to prepare and bring in the ſaid Bills.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower* Lemuel Riddick *to clear* Summerton *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Willis Riddick* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Stratton-Major, *in the County of* King *and* Queen, *to ſell their Glebe, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Johnſon* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday,

Thurſday, May 5th, 1757.

A PETITION of *James Mackaſee*, praying to be allowed for 18 Days Uſe of his Waggon, which was impreſſed into his Majeſty's Service, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims; that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Landon Carter* reported, That he had, according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor with the Addreſs of this Houſe, deſiring his Honor would ſend Preſents to the *Indians* to Fort *Loudoun*, to which his Honor anſwered that he would readily comply with the Requeſt of this Houſe in that Particular.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That he had, according to Order, waited on his Honor 51
the Governor with the Addreſs of this Houſe, deſiring his Honor to give his Orders for ſending away 200 of the *Virginia* Regiment to *South-Carolina*, to which his Honor anſwered he was much obliged to the Houſe for their ſaid Addreſs, and that he would immediately give Orders for that Purpoſe.

A Petition of *Peter Pelham*, ſetting forth, That he hath hitherto performed on the Organ provided by this Houſe for the Church in this City; that there is no Salary ſettled for the ſaid Service, and that he entirely depends on the voluntary Subſcriptions of the Inhabitants, which is far from being a ſufficient Recompence for his ſaid Service, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee to whom the Bill *For appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was committed, reported, That the Committee had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

A Claim of Capt. *Thomas Caton*, for Proviſions by him found for the Uſe of the Militia under his Command.

Alſo a Claim of .....*Harding*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Houſe-Keepers, Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Bath*, in the County of *Dinwiddie*, to them referred, ſetting forth, That after the ſaid Pariſh was divided from the Pariſh of *Briſtol*, a Veſtry was choſen according to the Directions of the Act of Aſſembly for dividing the ſame, who acted as ſuch until *May* 22d, 1749, when the Miniſter and Majority of the Veſtry Men elected into the ſaid Veſtry *Matthew Wills* and *Peter Woodlief*, in the Room of *William Hamlin* and *Matthew Mayes*; that on the 26th Day of *October*, in the ſame Year, the ſaid *Hamlin* and *Mayes* were again elected into the ſaid Veſtry, and on the 24th Day of *October*, 1753, *Peter Woodlief* and *Bolling Starke* were elected into the ſaid Veſtry, in the Room of *Anthony Haynes* and *Andrew Haynes*, who were dead, and *Thomas Scott* and *Robert Walker* in the Room of the aforeſaid *Hamlin* and *Mayes*, who were then alive, which the Petitioners conceive to be contrary to Law: That they the Petitioners have great Reaſon to believe the ſaid Veſtry have not acted juſtly by them, the Glebe and public Buildings belonging to the ſaid Pariſh not having coſt above £ 400. for Payment whereof the ſaid Veſtry have Levied 180,616 lbs. of Tobacco, which ſold at about thirteen Shillings the Hundred, which induces the Petitioners to believe ſome of the Veſtry are largely indebted to the Pariſh, and praying ſuch Relief as the Circumſtances of their Caſe may require; and that the Committee had come to a Reſolution thereupon, 52
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which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and is as follows:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the ſaid Petition is reaſonable.

And the Queſtion being put that the Houſe do agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

Mr *Carter* alſo reported, That the ſaid Committee had had under their Conſideration divers Propoſitions, from ſeveral Counties, to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again read, and are as follow:

Reſolved, That the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *St. Paul*, in the County of *Stafford*, praying that the Veſtry of the ſaid Pariſh may be diſſolved, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Remonſtrance of the Miniſter and Veſtry, and others of the ſaid Pariſh, in Oppoſition thereto, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Cheſterfield* County, praying the Laws relating to Strays may be amended, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of the Inhabitants of *King-William* County, praying that two Acts of Aſſembly, one intituled *An Act for clearing Rivers and Creeks*, the other intituled *An Act for clearing* Appomattox *and* Pamonkey *Rivers*, may be amended, or ſo explained as to allow them and others to erect Hedges a-croſs *Pamonkey* River, above the upper Warehouſes, on leaving a Paſſage of fourteen Feet wide, in the deepeſt Water, for Boats to paſs thro', is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Repreſentation and Petition of *Archibald Campbell*, Clerk, praying that the Glebe lately purchaſed by the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Waſhington*, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, may be ſold, and another be bought anſwering the Deſcription of Glebes, be rejected.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Albemarle*, in the County of *Suſſex*, praying that the ſaid Pariſh may be divided into two diſtinct Pariſhes, is reaſonable.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the ſaid Pariſh, in Oppoſition thereto, be rejected.

The three firſt Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The Fourth Reſolution being alſo read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition of the Inhabitants of *King-William* County be rejected.

53. The Fifth Reſolution being alſo read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The two laſt Reſolutions being alſo read a ſecond Time and the Queſtion ſeverally put that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Albemarle*, in the County of *Suſſex*, be rejected.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the firſt Reſolution, and it is referred to the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of *Obadiah Woodſon*, ſetting forth, That he was a Captain under Major *Andrew Lewis* in the intended Expedition againſt the *Shawneſe*, for which, by Orders of

of his Honor the Governor, he provided many Neceſſaries and hired ſeveral Waggons for which he has not yet received any Satisfaction, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition of *William Hathaway*, ſetting forth, That he went out as a Volunteer laſt Summer, from the County of *Spotſylvania*, under *John Spotſwood*, Eſq; and was in an Engagement with ſome *Indians*, in which his Right Arm and Shoulder-Blade were broke, whereby he was a long Time rendered unable to ſupport himſelf, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Dangerfield*, Mr *Francis Smith*, and Mr *Slaughter*, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Thomas Johnſon*, Gentleman, ſetting forth, That he is is ſeized in Fee-Tail of 2956 Acres of Land, in *Caroline*, for the Sale of which he has contracted with *Thomas Turner*, Gentleman, and hath purchaſed with the Money ariſing by the Sale thereof other Lands in *Louiſa*, more valuable and convenient to his Family, and praying that an act may paſs to dock the Intail of the ſaid Lands in *Caroline*, and to ſettle the ſaid Lands in *Louiſa*, in Lieu thereof, to the ſame Uſes, he having publiſhed his Intentions of petitioning this General Aſſembly for that Purpoſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Petition of ſundry of the Militia of the County of *Prince-William*, ſetting forth, That in *April* 1756, they were drafted and marched out to the Protection of our Frontiers, where they remained 79 Days, till being almoſt naked and deſtitute of every Neceſſary, they applied to their Commanding Officer for Leave to ſome of their Company to be ſent down for Neceſſaries for their Subſiſtence, which was refuſed, and that being unable to hold out any longer they returned from the Expedition without Leave, with an Intention to return to Duty as ſoon as they could provide themſelves with Cloths, before which Time they were informed the whole Militia was diſcharged: That they afterwards 51
applied to their Commanding Officer, and alſo to the Governor, for their Wages for the Time they were out, but were refuſed, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Claims, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.53,000 for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, May 6th, 1757.

A PETITION of *Margaret Smith*, ſetting forth, That her Huſband, Capt. *John Smith*, who commanded at *Vaulx*'s Fort in *Auguſta*, was either taken Priſoner or killed by the Enemy, which has reduced her and her numerous Family to very indigent Circumſtances, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Wilſon*, and Mr *Charles Carter*, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

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Mr *Benjamin Harrifon*, Jun. from the Committee of Trade, prefented to the Houfe, according to Order, a Bill, *For amending the Act for eftablifhing Pilots and regulating their Fees*, and the fame was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be difcharged from proceeding further on the Confideration of the feveral Claims of the Militia of fundry Counties who were drawn out into Service fince the paffing the Act made in the 29th Year of the Reign of his prefent Majefty, intituled, *An Act for amending the feveral Acts for making Provifion againft Invafions and Infurrections, and for amending and explaining an Act paffed this prefent Seffion of Affembly, intituled, An Act for raifing the Sum of £. 25,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpofes therein mentioned.*

Several Claims of fundry Perfons for Arms and Ammunition by them provided, by Order of his Honor the Governor, for the Ufe of the Militia of the feveral Counties of *Prince-George*, *King-George*, *Amelia*, and *Brunfwick*, who were drafted out of the faid Counties for the Protection of the Frontiers of this Colony, in Purfuance of an Act paffed in the 29th Year of the Reign of his prefent Majefty, intituled, *An Act for raifing the Sum of £. 25,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpofes therein mentioned*, were feverally prefented to the Houfe and received.

55 *Ordered*, That the faid Claims be referred to Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Martin*, and Mr *Benjamin Harrifon*, Jun. that they do examine into the feveral Articles thereof, and report the fame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houfe.

Mr *Landon Carter*, from the Committee for Courts of Juftice, prefented to the Houfe, according to Order, a Bill *For further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better Regulation and training the Militia*, and the fame was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond Time.

A Claim of *John Hall*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alfo two Claims of *Abraham Rice*, for the fame Service, were feverally prefented to the Houfe and received.

Ordered, That the faid Claims be referred to the Confideration of the Committee of Claims.

A Petition of *John Mackfarlin*, fetting forth, That his Waggon and Horfes were impreffed into his Majefty's Service; that they were not appraifed according to Law, but that he loft one of his Horfes in the faid Service, and praying the Confideration of this Houfe, was prefented to the Houfe and read, and the Queftion being put that the faid Petition be referred to a Committee,

It paffed in the Negative.

Refolved, That the faid Petition be rejected.

A Petition of fundry Perfons, fetting forth, That in *September* laft they were called out to the Affiftance of Capt. *Dickenfon*, for the Defence of the Fort commanded by him in *Augufta* County; that when they came within fix miles of the Fort they left their Horfes with theur Furniture in the Woods, and while they were at the Fort the *Indians* came to this Place where they had left their Horfes and took them all away, and praying the Confideration of this Houfe, was prefented to the Houfe and read, and the Queftion being put that the faid Petition be referred to a Committee,

It paffed in the Negative.

Refolved, That the faid Petition be rejected.

An ingroffed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing feveral new Ferries, and for other Purpofes therein mentioned*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Refolved, That the Bill do pafs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry up the faid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr Attorney prefented to the Houfe, according to Order, a Bill *To impower* Armiftead Churchill, *Gentleman, to fell and difpofe of certain intailed Lands*, and the fame was read the firft Time, and ordered to be read a fecond Time.

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A Claim of *John Combe*, for a Cart and Horſes impreſſed into his Majeſty's Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Tabb*, Gentleman, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims do lie on the Table.

A Bill *For preventing fraudulent Gifts of Slaves*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to M^r *Landon Carter*, M^r *Juſtice*, M^r *John Nicholas*, and M^r *Gabriel Jones*.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £. 53,000 for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.* 53

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, May 7th, 1757.

A MEMBER returned upon a new Writ, having taken the Oaths appointed to be taken by Act of Parliament, inſtead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and taken and ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, and alſo ſubſcribed the Teſt, was admitted to his Place in the Houſe.

M^r *Landon Carter* reported, That the Committee to whom the Bill *For preventing fraudulent Gifts of Slaves* was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance in the Book of Claims to M^r *John Tabb*, for all the Charges for his Evidences brought on his Petition againſt *William Wager*, touching the ſaid *Wager*, good or bad Votes, and alſo to the Legality of the Votes of thoſe Perſons who voted for M^r *Tabb*, and were objected to by M^r *Wager*; alſo for his Expences for Copies of Papers and Records produced to the Committee of Privileges and Elections, and for Sheriffs Fees in ſummoning Witneſſes; and that they levy the ſame on M^r *Wager*, in the Book of Claims.

M^r Attorney, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of M^r *Matthew Marrable*, to them referred, complaining of an undue Election and Return of M^r *Thomas Naſh*, to ſerve as a Burgeſſ in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Lunenburg*, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and is as follows.

It appears to this Committee, that after the Writ for Election of Burgeſſes for the ſaid County was publiſhed at the Churches thereof, ſeveral Perſons treated the Freeholders, to engage them to vote for M^r *Naſh*; but it doth not appear that M^r *Naſh* was privy or conſenting thereto. That M^r *Naſh*, at a Race where many Freeholders were preſent, cautioned M^r *Embry* not to ſpend any Thing, as the Writ was out, and did not ſpend any Thing himſelf; and one *Delony* ſaying to M^r *Naſh*, he would call for ſome Punch, M^r *Naſh* told him, if he did it, it ſhould be at his own Expence. That M^r *Naſh*, 57
M^r *Embry*, and M^r *Marrable*, ſtood Candidates at the ſaid Election, and while the Poll was taken, one *Bacon*, who attended the Bar at the Ordinary, was applied to for Liquor by the Voters, in the Name of M^r *Marrable*, who anſwered, there was no Liquor for *Marrable* there; but on applying again in the Name of M^r *Naſh*, they had Liquor delivered to them; and Liquor was alſo delivered at the ſaid Ordinary, during the Poll, to Perſons who applied for it in the Name of M^r *Embry* and of M^r *Marrable*; and, before the Poll

Poll began, a Tickler of Rum was by the Ordinary-Keeper, by Order of Mr *Marrable*, delivered to one Man, and a Bottle of Rum to ſome others, who were preparing a Barbacue. That the Liquor delivered at the Ordinary, during the Poll, was charged to the Candidate in whoſe Name it was demanded; and Mr *Marrable*'s and Mr *Embry*'s Accounts were the largeſt. That after the Election was over, the Ordinary-Keeper applied to the ſeveral Candidates to pay for the Liquors that had been delivered to the People in their reſpective Names; and Mr *Naſh* aſked him by whoſe Orders it was delivered, for if it was not by his Orders, he would not pay for it; and the Ordinary-Keeper owned he had no orders, but depended on his Honor: Upon which Mr *Naſh* paid for what was charged to him, and Mr *Embry* did the ſame; but Mr *Marrable* refuſed to pay for any more than the Tickler and Bottle of Rum that had been delivered by his Orders. That on the Day before the Election, one *Goode* ſeeing one *Hunt* with a Bowl of Punch in his Hand, and declaring in the Intereſt of Mr *Marrable*, undertook to treat in the Intereſt of Mr *Naſh*, but without his Knowledge; that *Goode* ſome Time afterwards ſaw Mr *Naſh*, who told him he had not cared if he had treated more, and thereupon the ſaid *Goode* treated again; but he hath never demanded the Money expended in ſuch Treating of Mr *Naſh*, he declaring, his Inducement to treat was becauſe he ſaw, and the common Report was, that the ſaid *Hunt*, and one *Satterwhite*, treated in the Intereſt of Mr *Marrable* after the Writ for Election of Burgeſſes for the ſaid County was out. That at an Entertainment made by one *Hampton Wade*, a Merchant, for his Cuſtomers, a Diſcourſe aroſe about proper Perſons to repreſent the County, and Mr *Naſh* being mentioned, one *William Willingham* complained that Mr *Naſh* had uſed him ill, in loſing a Cauſe of his in *Amelia* Court; upon which the ſaid *Wade* told him, if he could make it appear that Mr *Naſh* had wronged him, he (*Wade*) would pay the Coſts of that Suit, if he would vote for Mr *Naſh*, and uſe his Intereſt for him: That upon this Promiſe, the ſaid *Willingham*, who intended to vote for Mr *Marrable* and Mr *Embry*, voted for Mr *Naſh*, and procured his Son to do ſo too. That *Wade* made this Promiſe without the Knowledge of Mr *Naſh*, but in Expectation that if *Willingham* made it appear that Mr *Naſh* had injured him, that Mr *Naſh* would reimburſed him.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Mr *Thomas Naſh* is duly elected to ſerve as a Burgeſs in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Lunenburg*.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for laying an additional Duty on Rum, and other diſtilled Spirits, not being of the Produce of his Majeſty's Sugar-Iſlands.*

58 Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower* Lemuel Riddick *to clear* Summerton *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower* William Rand *to build a bridge over* Pagan *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Stratton-Major, *in the County of* King *and* Queen, *to ſell their Glebe, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of* Cumberland, *in the County of* Lunenburg.

Alſo to the Reſolve of this Houſe, For paying Mr *Thomas Stephens* a Sum not exceeding £. 100, for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Houſe do pay unto Mr *Edward Goodrich*, one of the Members of this Houſe, for the County of *Brunſwick*, for Eleven Days, according to the Allowance to Burgeſſes attending the General Aſſembly, he having travelled down, and waited a Week in *Williamſburg*, to attend the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, not knowing of the ſaid Aſſembly's being prorogued.

A Claim of *Joſeph Newſum*, Ferry-Keeper at *Hog*-Iſland, for the Tranſportation of tributary *Indians* over that Ferry.

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Alſo a Claim of *Joſeph Gray*, Gent. for providing for the ſaid *Indians* in their March, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims do lie on the Table.

Mr *Dangerfield* reported, that the Committee to whom the Petition of *William Hathaway* was referred, had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true, and that the ſaid *William Hathaway*, in the ſaid Petition mentioned, ought to be allowed the Sum of Thirty Pounds by the Public.

A Claim of *James Oliver*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *John Lane*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo two Claims of *Jacob Kent*, for Proviſions by him found for the Uſe of a Party his Majeſty's Forces, and for ſundry Goods by him loſt in the Engagement at *Vaulx*'s Fort in *Auguſta*.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Campbell*, for Coopers Work for the Uſe of Capt. *John Smith*'s Company.

Alſo a Claim of *David Wilſon*, for ſundry Goods by him loſt at *Voulx*'s Fort in *Auguſta*.

Alſo a Claim of *Elnathan Davis* for ſundry Goods by him loſt at the ſaid Fort.

Alſo a Claim of *Suſanna Patton*, for Proviſions for the Uſe of the ſaid Capt. *Smith*'s Company.

Alſo a Claim of *Edward Mackdonald*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Richmond*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Mackcurry*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony do allow unto Mr *Andrew Sprowle* Intereſt to the Redemption of certain Treaſury Notes which were offered by him and could not be redeemed in Specie at the Treaſury, at the Time appointed by Act of Aſſembly for redeeming the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Monday Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, May 9th, 1757.

A Claim of *Samuel Pyrear*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *John Rino*, for taking up two Deſerters from the *Virginia* Regiment.

Alſo a Claim of *James Boyle*, for Proviſions by him found for the Uſe of the Militia under the Command of Capt. *Swearingen*.

Alſo a Claim of *Joſiah Hultz*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *Lewis Stephens*, for conveying Proviſions to Fort *Cumberland* from *Winchester*.

Alſo a Claim of *Jeremiah Smith*, for guarding *French* Priſoners.

Alſo a Claim of *Thomas Swearingen*, Gentleman, for Proviſions for the Uſe of the Militia under his Command, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

A Petition of *John Wiſe*, Jun. and ſundry others, ſetting forth, That one *Arthur Barnes*, late of *Accomack* County, deceaſed, died conſiderably indebted to the Petitioners, leaving

leaving but a ſmall perſonal Eſtate which was not ſufficient to pay his Debts, and praying that an Act may paſs to impower them to ſell the Lands of the ſaid *Barnes* for the Payment of his Debts, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A Petition of *Olive Branch* and *Stephen Pankey*, Inſpectors at *Rocky-Ridge* Warehouſe, ſetting forth, That ſince the laſt Settlement of their Salary the Quantity of Tobacco inſpected at that Warehouſe is very much increaſed, and praying an Addition to their Salary, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

A Claim of Capt. *John Aſhby* for raiſing Recruits, purchaſing Proviſions and other Neceſſaries for the Uſe of the Soldiers at the Fort under his Command in *Hampſhire*, and for pay for himſelf and his ſaid Soldiers.

Alſo a Claim of Capt. *William Cox* for the ſame Service, and for Pay for himſelf and the Soldiers at the Fort under his Command in *Hampſhire*.

Alſo a Claim of Capt. *William Preſton*, for Pay for himſelf and a Party of Rangers under his Command in *Auguſta*, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed by Act of Aſſembly made in the 29th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, intituled, *An Act for raiſing the Sum of £. 25,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

A Petition of *Samuel Hamilton* and *John Edwards*, ſetting forth, That their Horſes were impreſſed into his Majeſty's Service by Capt. *Dickenſon*, and while they were in the ſaid Service the *Shawneſe Indians* attacked the Fort about which the ſaid Horſes were employed, and carried three off, and praying to be allowed for their ſaid Horſes.

Alſo a Claim of *Lodowick Tally*, for one Hogſhead of Crop Tobacco burnt at *Bolling*'s Point Warehouſe, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Claims.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Weſtmoreland* County, praying that the Warehouſes at *Mattox* and *Mackotigice* may be put under one Inſpection, and a new Inſpection eſtabliſhed at *Stratford* Landing, on the Land of the Honorable *Philip Ludwell Lee*, Eſq; was preſented to the Houſe and read, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

M^r *Landon Carter*, from the Committee for Courts of Juſtice, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For continuing and amending the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing fraudulent Gifts of Slaves*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Landon Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That M^r *Gabriel Jones* be added to the Committees for Courts of Juſtice and Claims.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £. 53,000 for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Petition of *Abraham Bledſo*, ſetting forth, That in *Auguſt* 1755, the Petitioner, being one of Capt. *Preſton*'s Company of Rangers, killed and ſcalped two *Indians*, and upon applying for the Reward allowed by Law for ſuch Scalps, was informed that the ſaid Law was not in Force till a few Days after his killing the ſaid *Indians*, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read. 61

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Gabriel Jones*, and Mr *Syme*, That they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *William Tyler*, praying that a Ferry may be eſtabliſhed from his Land, in *Weſtmoreland*, over *Potomack*, to *Cedar* Point, in *Maryland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday May 10th, 1757.

MR. *Benjamin Harriſon*, Jun. reported, That the Committee of Trade to whom the Bill *For amending and further continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for further continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, was committed, had made ſome Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill with the Amendments be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For raiſing £.* 53,000 *for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Bill *For further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and training the Militia*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Anderſon* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for ten Days.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, May 11th, 1757.

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A BILL *To impower* Armiſtead Churchill, *Gentleman, to ſell and diſpoſe of certain intailed Lands*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr Attorney, and the Members for *Middleſex* and *Richmond*.

The Order of the Day being read,

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The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and training the Militia*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr *Waller* be added to the Committees of Privileges and Elections and Propoſitions and Grievances.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For raiſing the ſum of £. 53,000 for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, May 12th, 1757.

MR. *Landon Carter* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Petition of *Abraham Bledſoe* was referred, had examined into the Allegations thereof and found them to be true, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Abraham Bledſoe* ought to be allowed the Sum of £. 20, as a Reward for his killing and ſcalping the two *Indians* in the Petition mentioned, notwithſtanding the Action happened ſome ſmall Time before the paſſing of the Act of Aſſembly giving Rewards for the like Services.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance to the ſaid *Abraham Bledſoe* purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of public Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Petitions and other Matters to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again read, and are as follow:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Archibald Ritchie*, Proprie-
63 tor of the Warehouſe at *Hobbs*'s Hole, ought to be allowed the Sum of ſix Pounds ſixteen Shillings and four Pence, by the Public, for building and repairing the Wharff in his Petition mentioned.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *James Mackafee* ought to be allowed the Sum of nine Pounds, by the Public, for the Service of his Waggon in his Petition mentioned.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of the Militia of the County of *Culpeper*, who marched out to the Frontiers of this Colony, under the Command of Capt. *William Brown*, by Order from the Right Honorable the Lord *Fairfax*, and after ſerving ſixty Days returned home without the Conſent of their Captain, is reaſonable; and that the Petitioners ought to be paid for ſixty Days the Time they continued in the Service of the Colony.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Claim of *Thomas Caton*, of *Frederick* County, amounting to twelve Pounds twelve Shillings and four Pence three Farthings, for his Pay as Captain, and for Proviſions found the Militia who marched under his Command into the County of *Hampſhire* in the Year 1755, be rejected, it not appearing that the ſaid Militia were ordered out by the Commanding Officer of the ſaid County of *Frederick*.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *David Parſons*, *John Morgan*, *John Munk*, *John Darnal*, *Joſiah Fiſhback*, *Leonard Davis*, *Thomas Conway*, Jun. *William Twiner*, *John Twentyman*, *James Corder*, and *Joſhua Welch*, who were drafted from the Militia of *Prince-William* County, and after ſerving ſeventy-nine Days on the Frontiers of this Colony returned Home without the Conſent of their Commanding Officer to provide themſelves with Cloaths and other Neceſſaries which they were in great Want of, is reaſonable, and that they ought to be paid for the ſaid ſeventy-nine Days the Time they continued in the Service of this Colony.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the Petition of *Samuel Hamilton* and *John Edwards*, for an Allowance for two Horſes impreſſed in his Majeſty's Service, for the Uſe of the Rangers under the Command of Capt. *John Dickenſon*, which were taken by the *Shawneſe* at the Attack of Fort *Dickenſon*, is reaſonable; and that the ſaid *Samuel Hamilton* ought to be paid by the Public ten Pounds ten Shillings, and the ſaid *John Edwards* ten Pounds, being the appraiſed Value of the Horſes mentioned in the ſaid Petition.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Thomas Tabb* ought be paid by the Public for 1012 lbs. and *Alexander Mackie* for 939 lbs. of Crop Tobacco, at the Rate of fourteen Shillings *per* Hundred; and *Theophilus Field* for 1039 lbs. of Crop Tobacco, at the Rate of fifteen Shillings *per* Hundred, which was inſpected and burnt in *Bolling*'s-Point Warehouſe, and not mentioned in the Memorial of the Inſpectors, with Intereſt according to the Act of Aſſembly in that Caſe made and provided.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That *Lewis Burwell* ought to be paid by the Public for three Hogſheads, and the Executors of *Armiſtead Burwell*, deceaſed, for two Hogſheads of Tobacco at 1000 lbs. nett each, burnt in the ſaid Warehouſe but not inſpected, at the Rate of twelve Shillings and ſix Pence *per* Hundred, with Intereſt according to the Act of Aſſembly in that Caſe made and provided.

The firſt and ſecond Reſolutions being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put that the Houſe agree thereto, 64

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The third Reſolution being alſo read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion put that the Houſe agree thereto,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition of the Militia of the ſaid County of *Culpeper*, mentioned in the ſaid Reſolution, be rejected.

Then the five laſt Reſolutions being alſo read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make the ſeveral Allowances in the Book of Claims purſuant to the firſt and fifth Reſolutions.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill or Bills *For the Relief of the Proprietors of the Tobacco burnt in* Crutchfield's and Pitt's *Warehouſes*, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes purſuant to the two laſt Reſolutions.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine, ſtate and ſettle the Accounts of the ſeveral Commanding Officers of the Militia of the ſeveral Counties ordered out for the Protection of the Frontiers of this Colony, ſince the paſſing of the Act made in the 29th Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for amending the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections, and for amending and explaining an Act paſſed this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for raiſing the Sum of £. 25,000 for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; and that the ſaid Committee conſiſt of Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Hedgman*, Mr *Preſley Thornton*, Mr *Martin*, and Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Jun.

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Mr *Randolph* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, had under their Conſideration the ſeveral Accounts from the County Lieutenants of *Prince-George*, *King-George*, *Brunſwick*, and *Amelia*, for providing the Militia drafted out of thoſe Counties with Arms and Ammunition, to them referred, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and are as follow.

It appears to us, that *Richard Bland*, Gent. Lieutenant of the County of *Prince-George*, furniſhed the Men draughted out of that County, at his own Expence, with 13 Muſkets, with their Accoutrements, of the Value of £. 33, 5 *ſ.* 1*d.* and alſo with Powder and Lead, of the Value of £. 3, 6 ſ. 6*d*, amounting in the whole to £. 36, 11 *ſ.* 9*d.* which were detained by Order of Col. *Waſhington*, for the Uſe of the *Virginia* Regiment, and that the ſaid *Richard Bland* hath not received any Satisfaction for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *Richard Bland* ought to be allowed the ſaid Sum of £. 36, 11 *ſ.* 9*d.* to be paid by the Public.

It appears to us, that *Samuel Cobbs*, Gent. Lieutenant of the County of *Amelia*, furniſhed the Men draughted out of that County, at his own Expence, with 22 Muſkets, with Bayonets and Cartouche Boxes, and other Accoutrements, and 22 cutting Swords, amounting in the whole to £. 78, 12 *ſ.* 6 *d.* which were detained by Col. *Waſhington*, for the Uſe of the *Virginia* Regiment, and that the ſaid *Samuel Cobbs* hath not received any Satisfaction for the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *Samuel Cobbs* ought to be allowed the ſaid Sum of £. 78, 12 *ſ.* 6 *d.* to be paid by the Public.

It appears to us, that the Commanding Officer of the County of *King-George* furniſhed the Militia ordered out of that County with 31 Buckaneer and trading Guns, and 112 lbs. of Shot, amounting in the whole to £. 38, 7 *ſ.* 4*d.* but it does not appear to us that the ſaid Arms and Ammunition were received or detained for the Uſe of the Regiment.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Arms and Ammunition ought not to be paid for by the Public.

It appears to us, that *Nicholas Edmunds* furniſhed the Men draughted out of the County of *Brunſwick*, at his own Expence, with ſeven Muſkets, amounting to £. 14, which were received by Captain *Joſhua Lewis*, of the *Vrginia* Regiment; but it does not appear to us that the ſaid Arms were detained in the Service by Col. *Waſhington*'s Orders.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid *Nicholas Edmunds* ought to be allowed the Sum of £. 12, 5 *ſ.* to be paid by the Public.

The firſt, ſecond, and laſt Reſolutions, being read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion ſeverally put, that the Houſe agree thereto,

Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the third Reſolution be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr Attorney preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *To enlarge the Power of the Corporations of the City of* Williamſburg *and Borough of* Norfolk, *with reſpect to their Markets*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and training the Militia*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and had gone through the ſame, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee

mittee upon the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of* £. 53,000, *for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday May 13th, 1757.

MR. *Charles Carter*, according to Order, reported the Amendments made by the Committee of the whole Houſe to the Bill *For further continuing and amending the Act, intituled, An Act for the better regulating and training the Militia*, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, as amended, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Dettingen, *in the County of* Prince-William.

Alſo a Bill *For dividing the County of* Albemarle, *and Pariſh of* St. Ann.

Alſo a Bill *For diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* St. Paul, *in the County of* Stafford.

Alſo a Bill *To impower the Juſtices of the County of* Norfolk, *to agree with Perſons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence thereof upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid County.*

And the ſaid Bills were ſeverally read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Randolph* reported, that the Committee to whom the Petition of *Margaret Smith* was referred, had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and agreed upon a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

It appears to this Committee, that the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Margaret Smith* ought to be allowed the Sum of £.20, to be paid by the Public.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims, to make an Allowance to the ſaid *Margaret Smith*, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

Mr Attorney reported, that the Committee to whom the Bill *To impower* Armiſtead Churchill, *Gent. to ſell and diſpoſe of certain intailed Lands*, was committed, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Ordered, That Mr *Willis Riddick* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for ſeven Days.

Mr *Bland* from the Committee of Claims, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *John Wheatley*, to them referred, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid *John Wheatley* ought to be paid by the Public the Sum of £. 31, 16 *ſ.* for dieting the tributary *Indians*, in his Account mentioned, being at the Rate of of one Shilling a Day for each *Indian*; and the further Sum of nine Pounds two Shillings and

and one Penny three Farthings for Rum found for the ſaid *Indians*: and that the Reſt of his Account, amounting to ſeven Pounds eighteen Shillings and ſix Pence, be rejected.

Ordered, That it be an inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to make an Allowance to the ſaid *John Wheatley* purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.53,000 for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, May 14th, 1757.

A BILL *To impower the Juſtices of the County of* Norfolk *to agree with certain Perſons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence thereof upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid County.*

Alſo a Bill *for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Dettingen, *in the County of* Prince-William.

Alſo a Bill *For diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* St. Paul, *in the County of* Stafford, were ſeverally read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bills be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *To explain an Act made at a Grand Aſſembly held at* James-City, *in the thirteenth Year of the Reign of King* Charles *the Second, intituled Veſtries appointed*, and it is referred to Mr *Bland*, Mr *Waller*, and Mr *John Weſt*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Bill *For continuing and amending the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections* was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe Immediately.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, May 16th, 1757.

M R. Attorney, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Returns of the Writs for electing a Burgeſs to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly for the County of *Weſtmoreland*, and alſo for the County of *Surry*, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the Returns of the ſaid Writs are made in the Form preſcribed by Law.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia*, was read a third Time and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing fraudulent Gifts of Slaves*, without any Amendment.

And that they have agreed to the Reſolve of this Houſe, For allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, £.300 *per Annum* for the Services therein mentioned.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Juſtices of the County of* Norfolk *to agree with Perſons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expences thereof upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid County*, was read a third Time and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, was read a third Time and a Blank therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Jun. do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for further continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies*, was read a third Time and the Blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower* Armiſtead Churchill, *Gentleman, to ſell and diſpoſe of certain intailed Lands*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* St. Paul, 69
in the County of Stafford, was read a third Time and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Dettingen, *in the County of* Prince-William, was read a third Time and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of* £. 53,000 *for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For continuing and amending the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *To prevent Mutiny and Deſertion*, and it is referred to Mr *Bland* and Mr *Randolph* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, May 17th, 1757.

MR. *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *To explain an Act, intituled Veſtries appointed*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *To impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* St. George, *in the County of* Spotſylvania, *to ſell their Glebe*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of public Claims, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Accounts from ſeveral Counties againſt the Public, in which Articles of an extravagant and extraordinary Nature appear to be charged, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Your Committee having examined the Accounts from the ſeveral Counties againſt the Public, proceed to lay before the Houſe in Purſuance of their Order, the Articles charged in the ſaid Accounts which appear to them to be unjuſt and illegal, as follow:

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In the County of ACCOMACK.	
To the Clerk for attending two Courts for the Examination of *John Kitſon*'s and *Jeſſe Jenkin*'s Negroe Men, on Suſpicion of Felony, when there was no Commiſſion of Oyer and Terminer for the Trial of the ſaid Negroes, 180 each,	360
To the Sheriff for attending the ſaid Courts, 180 each,	360
To the ſame for ſummoning four Witneſſes againſt Perſons taken upon Suſpicion of Felony,	36

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In the County of AMELIA.			
To the Sheriff for his Ferriages in removing *William Ward*, and *Francis Day*, Priſoners, to the Public Goal,	—	8	—
To *William Craddock* for guarding *William Ward* to the public Goal in *Williamſburg*, and his Expences,	2	18	—
To *Robert Vaughan*, Jun. for the ſame,	1	16	—
To *Richard Booker* for guarding *Francis Day* to the public Goal,	1	10	—

In the County of SPOTSYLVANIA.	
To the Clerk for Subpœnas for Witneſſes againſt Negroe Criminals,	16
To the ſame for attending the Court, for the trial of *George*, a Negroe Criminal, when there was no Court held,	172
To the ſame for attending the Court on the Trial of *Solomon*, a Negroe Man Slave, for Hogſtealing,	172
To the ſame for attending the Court on the Trial of the ſaid *Solomon* the ſecond Time for Hogſtealing, and Suſpicion of other Crimes,	172
To the ſame for attending the Court for the Trial of the ſaid *Solomon* the third Time for Hogſtealing,	172
To *Larkin Chew*, late Sheriff, for ſummoning 26 Witneſſes againſt Negroe Criminals,	222
To the ſame for executing two Warrants on *Solomon* and *Edon*, two Negroe Slaves,	16

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To the ſame for ſummoning three called Courts on *Solomon*, a Negroe, for Hogſtealing, 172 each, ... 516

In the County of BEDFORD.

To the Sheriff for ſummoning Witneſſes to the examining Court againſt Criminals, 121

To the ſame an Overcharge going to *Williamſburg* for two Commiſſions of Oyer and Terminer, 262 each, ... 524

To the Clerk for attending two Courts called for the Trial of *Hampton Tambo*, under one Commiſſion of Oyer and Terminer, ... 280

To the Sheriff for ſummoning the ſaid Courts, ... 280

In the County of PRINCE-EDWARD.

To the Clerk for attending a Court for the Examination of a Negroe for Hogſtealing, ... 140

To the Sheriff for attending the ſaid Court, ... 140

In the County of HALIFAX.

To the Clerk for attending nine called Courts on the Examination of *William Owen*, Jun. *John Owen*, *Job Hill*, *Tully Choice*, *Job Keaton*, *William Lynch*, *John Confee*, *Lewis Morgan*, and *Richard Adams*, 140 each, ... 1260

To the Sheriff for ſummoning and attending the ſaid nine Courts, ... 1260

To the ſame for going to *Williamſburg* for a Commiſſion of Oyer and Terminer more than he was entitled to by Law, ... 352

To the ſame for removing ſix of the aforeſaid Priſoners to the public Goal, more than he was entituled to by Law, ... 2640

To *William Wright*, Goaler, for victualling and accomodating the Guard over the ſaid laſt mentioned Priſoners, ... 1000

To *Thomas Naſh*, Gent. Proſecutor for the Crown, for attending the ſaid nine called Courts, 500 each, ... 4500 71

To *William Mackdonald* for victualling and accommodating the Guards impreſſed by the Sheriff for removing the aforeſaid ſix Priſoners one Day, ... 291

Your Committee being deſirous to inform themſelves of the Reaſon of theſe extraordinary Charges from the County of *Halifax*, examined, in the moſt ſolemn Manner, ſeveral Witneſſes, Members of the Court, who were preſent in Court at the Examination of the ſaid nine Priſoners, and when theſe ſeveral Articles were charged upon the County at the laying the Levy in *November* laſt: But the Information thoſe Witneſſes gave was ſo confuſed and uncertain that your Committee was not able to collect from what they ſaid any Thing more than that the ſaid *Thomas Naſh* had not any Account, nor was preſent when the ſaid Article of 4500 lbs. of Tobacco was levied; but that the ſame was levied for him at the Motion of one of the Members of the Court, without his Privity or Knowledge, and is now in the Hands of the Sheriff: And that there might be two or three Courts called, and no more, for the Examination of the above ſaid nine Priſoners, whereby it appears that the ſaid Clerk and Sheriff have each of them been allowed 840 lbs. of Tobacco, for their Service in attending the ſaid Courts, more than they are entitled to by Law.

Your Committee have alſo examined the accounts from the County of *Lunenburg*, in the Years 1753 and 1754; from which it appears, that there was allowed to the Clerk for Fees at the laying of the County Levy 213 lbs. of Tobacco, and to the Sheriff in the ſame Years 701 lbs. of Tobacco, which were diſallowed in the laſt Book of Claims.

As theſe are the moſt remarkable Particulars relating to the illegal Charges in the reſpective Accounts from the ſeveral Counties, your Committee have come to the following Reſolutions thereupon:

Reſolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Halifax* retain in his Hands the ſaid 4500 lbs. of Tobacco, levied for M^r *Thomas Naſh*, and account with the Court of the ſaid County for the ſame at the laying of their next County Levy.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the other ſeveral Articles ought to be levied upon the Perſons to whom they have been allowed, for the Uſe of the Counties in which they have been levied, reſpectively.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Claims to levy in the Book of Claims, on the ſeveral Perſons mentioned in the ſaid Report, the ſeveral Quantities of Tobacco and Sums of Money heretofore reſpectively illegally allowed them, as expreſſed in the ſaid Report, purſuant to the laſt Reſolution.

A Written Meſſage from the Governor was delivered by M^r *Walthoe*.

M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"I now ſend you a Copy of a Letter juſt received from the Right Honorable *William* "*Pitt*, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State; alſo a Copy of a Letter "from the Right Honorable the Earl of *Loudoun*, Commander in Chief of his Majeſty's "Forces in *North-America*: By theſe you will ſee how expreſſly I am commanded by "his Majeſty, and deſired by my Lord *Loudoun*, to preſs the Council and Aſſembly, in
72 "the ſtrongeſt Manner, to raiſe more Men than are barely neceſſary for the Defence of "the Colony, that we may be in a Capacity to give immediate Aſſiſtance to any neigh-"bouring Provinces that may be attacked."

"If I were Maſter of the Art of Perſuaſion I would uſe its utmoſt Force on this Oc-"caſion: But, Gentlemen, is there need to ſay more than that the Preſervation of our "Lives, our Liberty, and our Property, perhaps depend upon the Succeſs of this Summer's "Campaign. Therefore, animated by theſe intereſting Conſiderations, and a Senſe of "Gratitude to our moſt gracious Sovereign, let me exhort you not to diſappoint his "reaſonable Expectations from his faithful Subjects of Virginia. You know, that "by the Laws now in force, I am not impowered to ſend any of the Militia out of the "Colony; and if you think, as I do, of the Danger and Neceſſity of the preſent Con-"juncture, you will not fail to paſs an Act to enable me to comply with the Royal "Command, and this you may do by an Act of a very ſhort Continuance."

"By a Copy of a Paragraph of a Letter juſt received from our Agent, M^r *Abercrombie*, "which I now ſend, you will ſee what Reaſon we have to expect that the great Expences "this Colony hath been put to in the preſent War, will not remain diſregarded by his "Majeſty and the Parliament of *Great-Britain*."

And the ſaid Letters were read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For continuing and amending the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſon againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections.*

Ordered, That the above written Meſſage from the Governor, with the Letter from the Earl of *Loudoun*, therein mentioned, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and the ſaid written Meſſage and Letter, and after ſome Time ſpent therein M^r Speaker reſumed the Chair, and M^r *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill and Papers under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill and Letter To-morrow.

The Houſe being informed that *Leonard Claiborne*, Jun. reported in the County of *Dinwiddie*, That altho' the Veſtry of *Bath* Pariſh had come ſo well off he proved every Allegation of his Petition againſt the ſaid Veſtry to be true; and that M^r *John Jones*, a Member of this Houſe, was indebted to the Pariſh £. 27, which he would make him ſenſible of by bringing a Suit againſt him as ſoon as the Aſſembly was over. That one of the Members for *Dinwiddie* County was obliged to leave his Lodgings, being unable to pay for them. And that he would take *Richard Bland*, a Member of this Houſe, by the Noſe after the riſing of the Aſſembly, for his, the ſaid *Bland*'s Behaviour in this Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Information be referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections; that they do examine into the Matter thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, 73
That the Committee had had under their Conſideration ſeveral Propoſitions from the County of *Auguſta*, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That ſo much of the ſaid Propoſitions as reſpects the building a Chain of Forts a-croſs the Frontiers of this Colony, be rejected.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the ſaid Propoſitions as reſpects the appointing a ſelect Committee in the ſaid County to inſpect into the Conduct, and to order and direct the Military Officers and Soldiers, be rejected.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the ſaid Propoſitions as reſpects the erecting a Factory at the public Expence to ſupply our *Indian* Allies with ſuch Commodities as they ſtand in Need of, is reaſonable.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the laſt Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr *Randolph*, Mr *Cary*, and Mr *Walker*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Fairfax.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the juſtices of the County of* Norfolk *to agree with Perſons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expence thereof upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid County.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of* St. Paul, *in the County of* Stafford.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for further continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for further continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned*, without any Amendments.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.53,000 for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Bill *To enlarge the Power of the Corporations of the City of* Williamſburg *and Borough of* Norfolk, *with Reſpect to their Markets*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr Attorney, Mr *Robert Carter Nicholas*, Mr *Waller*, and Mr *Hutchings*.

A Bill *For dividing the County of* Albemarle, *and Pariſh of* St. Anne, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *John Nicholas*, Mr *John Bolling*, Mr *Bell*, Mr *Cary*, and Mr *Cabbell*.

A Bill *For amending the Act for eſtabliſhing Pilots and regulating their Fees*, was read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

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MR. *Pendleton*, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For the Relief of the Sufferers by Tobacco burned in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Chares Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of *Obadiah Woodſon*

Woodſon to them referred, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe as follow.

It appearing to this Committee, that Major *Andrew Lewis*, in the ſaid Petition mentioned, is now out on the Frontiers with the *Cherokee Indians*, and that he hath not had Notice that the ſaid Petition was to be conſidered this Day.

Reſolved, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petition ought to be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That the Depoſitions of ſuch Witneſſes as are now attending, to be examined touching the ſaid Petition, ought to be taken and lodged with the Clerk of this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower* Armiſtead Churchill, *Gent. to ſell and diſpoſe of certain intailed Lands, with ſome Amendments*, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments, and the ſame being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That *Leonard Claiborne*, Jun. be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms, and brought to the Bar of this Houſe, to anſwer for his Breach of the Privileges of this Houſe, mentioned in the Information Yeſterday given to this Houſe againſt him.

Mr *Bland*, from the Committee of Public Claims, reported, that the Committee had examined and conſidered all the public Claims which had been laid before them this Seſſion, and agreed upon a Report, which he had entered in a Book, and he delivered the Book in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.53,000 for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*,

Ordered, That the Copies of the Letters from the Right Hon. *William Pitt*, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, and from the Right Hon. the Earl of *Loudoun*, Yeſterday laid before the Houſe by Order of his Honor the Governor, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

75 And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill, and Letters, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill and Letters under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill or Bills, *For increaſing the Rewards for* Indian *Scalps*, and it is referred to Mr *Cary*, Mr *Thomas Tabb*, Mr *Gabriel Jones*, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Walker*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For further continuing and amending the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday,

Thurſday May 19th, 1757.

Ordered, THAT Mr *George Taylor* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for three Weeks.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed to examine, ſtate, and ſettle the Accounts of the ſeveral Officers of the Militia ordered out to the Protection of the Frontiers, that they do examine into the Accounts of *Obadiah Woodſon*, and that they report to the Houſe in what Manner the ſaid *Obadiah* has diſburſed the Monies by him received of his Honor the Governor, towards carrying on the Expedition formerly intended againſt the *Shawneſe Indians*.

A Bill *For the Relief of the Sufferers by Tobacco burned in* Crutchfield *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes* was read a ſecond Time, and committed to Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Adams*, and the Members for *Accomack* and *Hanover*.

Mr *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *To veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in* Thomas Turner, *Gent. in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Bill *To impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* St. George, *in the County of* Spotſylvania, *to ſell their Glebe, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Bill *To explain an Act intituled, Veſtries appointed*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.* 53,000 *for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow. 76

The Order of the Day being alſo read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For continuing and amending the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve ſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* be added to the Committee to whom it is referred to bring in a Bill or Bills *For erecting a Factory at the public Expence to ſupply our* Indian *Allies with ſuch Commodities as they ſtand in Need of.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, May 20th, 1757.

AN ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* St. George, *in the County of* Spotſylvania, *to ſell their Glebe, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Pariſh of *Cople*, and parts adjacent, praying that the Warehouſes for Inſpection of Tobacco, on *Yeocomoco* River, may be fixed on the Land of *Daniel Tebbs*; and the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the County of Northumberland, living on the Branches of the ſaid River, in Oppoſition thereto, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he

he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petition ought to be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain an Act, intituled Veſtries appointed*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Cary* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For increaſing the Reward for* Indian *Scalps*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Randolph* reported, That the Committee to whom the Accounts of *Obadiah Woodſon* were referred, had examined the ſame, and agreed upon a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

77 Your Committee upon Examination of the ſaid Accounts find, that the ſaid *Woodſon* has received £. 200, by Order of his Honor the Governor, for the Uſe of a Company of Volunteers in the late Expedition againſt the *Shawneſe*; but as ſeveral Articles are charged to the Public in the ſaid Accounts for the Services of the ſaid *Woodſon* and his Officers, whoſe Conduct has been cenſured, and is to be enquired into by Order of the Houſe, they cannot make a proper Settlement of the ſaid Accounts till the Houſe have come to a Determination upon that Enquiry: Whereupon they have come to the following Reſolution.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Accounts ought to be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For continuing and amending the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, with the Papers to them referred, and gone through the ſame, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Pendleton* reported, that the Committee to whom the Bill *For the Relief of the Sufferers by the Tobacco burned in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr Attorney reported, that the Committee to whom the Bill *To enlarge the Power of the Corporations of the City of* Williamſburg *and Borough of* Norfolk, *with reſpect to their Markets*, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read for the Houſe again to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of* £. 53,000 *for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

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The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Book of Claims, and Part thereof was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Book be put off till To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr *Keeling* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for ten Days. 78

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, May 21ſt, 1757.

The Order of the Day being read,

THE Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.*53,000 *for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill, and the Papers to them referred, under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Book of Claims be put off till *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday May 23d, 1757.

A BILL *For increaſing the Reward for* Indian *Scalps*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.* 53,000 *for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Book of Claims be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, May 24th, 1757.

AN engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Sufferers by Tobacco burned in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up. 79

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *John Nicholas* reported, that that the Committee to whom the Bill *For dividing the County of* Albemarle *and Pariſh of* St. Ann, was committed, had made ſeveral Amendments

Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed, and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.* 53,000 *for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their further Conſideration, and gone through the ſame, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be received To-morrow.

The other Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For increaſing the Reward for* Indian *Scalps*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and gone thro' the ſame, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, as amended, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to enlarge the Power of the Corporations of the City of* Williamſburg, *and Borough of* Norfolk, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Book of Claims be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, May 25th, 1757.

MR. *Charles Carter* preſented to the Houſe the Amendments made by the Committee of the whole Houſe to the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.* 53,000 *for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where Part thereof were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Report be put off till To-morrow.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to explain an Act, intituled, Veſtries appointed*, without any Amendment.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Dettingen, *in the County of* Prince-William, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

Alſo that a Petition of the Inhabitants of *Frederick*, addreſſed to his Honor the Governor, and both Houſes of Aſſembly, had been read in Council, which they referred to the Conſideration of this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony do lay his Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Book of Claims be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday,

Thurſday, May 26th, 1757.

A BILL *To veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in* Thomas Turner, *Gent. in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to M^r^ *Pendleton*, M^r^ *Baylor*, and the Members for *Louiſa*.

M^r^ Attorney, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Information againſt *Leonard Claiborne*, Jun. to them referred, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

It appearing to your Committee, that the Meſſenger ſent with the Speaker's Warrant to take the ſaid *Leonard Claiborne* into Cuſtody, purſuant to the Order of this Houſe, did go to the ſaid *Claiborne*'s Houſe, and there leave a Copy of the ſaid Warrant, the ſaid *Claiborne* having abſconded, and declaring he would not be taken. They proceeded to examine ſeveral Witneſſes touching the Matters contained in the ſaid Information, from whoſe Teſtimony it appeared to your Committee, that after the Petition for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of *Bath*, in the County of *Dinwiddie*, was rejected by this Houſe, 81
the ſaid *Claiborne* reported in the ſaid County, that every Thing he alleged in the Petition was juſt, and proved before the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances. That if ever he lived to ſee M^r^ *Jones*, a Member of this Houſe, at *Dinwiddie* Court, he would tell him he had charged him with being indebted to the Pariſh 4000 lbs. of Tobacco, and would try it in a friendly Suit; which if M^r^ *Jones* denied to do, would ſhew what he was: That M^r^ *Jones* was a Liar, and he would prove him one. That when the Matter of the Petition was carried before this Houſe, no one could be treated with more Injuſtice than he was; and if he was a *Shawneſe Indian*, he could not have been treated worſe. That Col. *Richard Bland* (a Member of this Houſe) had uſed him ill, and if ever he lived to ſee him at *Dinwiddie* Court, he would take him by the Noſe; for no body had any Thing to ſay in this Houſe on Behalf of the Veſtry but him: That M^r^ *Bland* ſhould ſay in this Houſe, if the Veſtry was diſſolved, it would give People Reaſon to ſay the Members of that Veſtry (one of which had the Honor to be a Member of this Houſe) were not only Rogues, but damned Rogues; which the ſaid *Claiborne* ſaid was a very pretty Reaſon for not diſſolving the Veſtry, that M^r^ *Jones* might not be called a Rogue. That he did not value them, for he had as much Money as any of them; and that one of the Members of this Houſe, from the County of *Dinwiddie*, took Lodgings in Town, and was obliged to leave them, becauſe he could not pay for them.

Reſolved, That the Allegations contained in the ſaid Information are true.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Leonard Claiborne*, Jun. is guilty of a Breach of the Rights and Privileges of this Houſe, by reflecting upon the whole Houſe in general, and on ſome of the Members in particular.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Leonard Claiborne*, Jun. be taken into Cuſtody by the Serjeant at Arms, and brought to the Bar of this Houſe, to anſwer for his ſaid Offence.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee of Privileges and Elections to enquire into, and ſtate an Account of the Charges accruing on the ſaid Information againſt the ſaid *Leonard Claiborne*.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections into one Act*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r^ *Landon Carter* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing and repelling the hoſtile Incurſions of the* Indians *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Sufferers by Tobacco burned in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

82 Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual preventing and repelling the hoſtile Invaſions of the* Indians *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony.*

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for reducing the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections into one Act*, without any Amendments.

The Houſe proceeded to the further Conſideration of the Amendments made by the Committee of the whole Houſe to the Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £.* 53,000 *for the Defence of the Country, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the reſt of the ſaid Amendments were again read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with ſome Amendments.

Ordered, That the Bill, with the Amendments, as amended, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Mr *Landon Carter*, from the Committee appointed to examine into the Accounts of the Officers of the Militia that were ordered out by his Honor the Governor for the Protection of the Frontiers, reported that the ſaid Committee had examined into the Accounts of Capt. *William Preſton*, of *Auguſta*, and had agreed upon a Report which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

It appears to this Committee, that the Accounts of the ſaid *William Preſton* are juſt, and that there is now due to him, and the Company under his Command, from the Public, the ſeveral Sums following.

	£.	ſ.	d.
For the Pay to himſelf, the Officers and Soldiers, to the 1ſt Day of this Inſtant *May* incluſive	370	8	4
For Proviſion for the ſaid Company	168	—	4½
For the Pay of a Detachment of the ſaid Company ſtationed at the *Bull-Paſture*	31	13	
For Proviſion for Do.	8	18	10½
	£. 579	—	7

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Book of Claims be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, May 27th, 1757.

Ordered, THAT Mr *Bell* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe for the Remainder of this Seſſion.

Mr *Pendleton* reported, that the Committee to whom the Bill *To veſt certain entailed Lands therein mentioned in* Thomas Turner, *Gent. in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*, was committed, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and found them to be true, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered the Bill, with the Amendments, in at the Table, where the Amendments were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

83 *Ordered*, That the Bill with the Amendments, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor, to deſire that he will be pleaſed to order the Accounts of the Expences attending the building a Fort in the *Cherokee*

Cherokee Country to be laid before the Houſe, and that Mr *Thomas Tabb* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Mr *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to order, a Bill *For eſtabliſhing a Trade with the* Indians *in Alliance with his Majeſty*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Dettingen, *in the County of* Prince-William, and the ſame being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and acquaint them, that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Petition from the Inhabitants of the County of *Frederick*, which was referred by the Council to the Conſideration of this Houſe on *Wedneſday* laſt, and the ſame was read, ſetting forth, That ſeveral Incurſions had been made by the *French* and their *Indian* Allies into the Frontiers of this Colony; that they have already deſtroyed many of his Majeſty's Subjects, and taken a great Number of Priſoners out of their County, and that they are ſtill daily committing the like Barbarities, for which Reaſon many of the Inhabitants have abandoned their Plantations, and removed for more Security into the lower Parts of the Country: The Petitioners therefore pray ſuch immediate Aſſiſtance for their Protection, as ſhall be thought moſt effectual; and in the mean Time, that a Company of the Militia of their County may be ordered out, under a proper Regulation and Pay, as Rangers.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That the Sum of £. 10 be paid by the Treaſurer of this Colony out of the Public Money in his Hands to *Thomas Burrus*, as a Recompence for the Loſs of his Arm in the Service of his Country.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the County of* Albemarle, *and Pariſh of* St. Anne, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *John Nicholas* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Thomas Tabb* reported, that he had, according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor with the Addreſs of this Houſe, concerning the building a Fort in the *Cherokee* Country, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer, that he had paid £. 800 to Major *Lewis* for that Service, for which he had his Receipt, and that he had iſſued Warrants on the Treaſurer for Payment of the remaining Part of the Money voted by this Houſe for building the ſaid Fort, and had ſent him all the Accounts relating thereto.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*. 84

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* St. George, *in the County of* Spotſylvania, *to ſell their Glebe, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, without any Amendments.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia*, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Book of Claims, and another Part thereof was read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Book of Claims be put off till To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday,

Saturday, May 28th, 1757.

AN engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Defence of the Colony in this Time of Danger, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enlarge the Power of the Corporations of the City of* Williamſburg, *and Borough of* Norfolk, with ſome Amendments, to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill *For the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia*, and the ſame being read, the Houſe agreed to one, and diſagreed to the reſt of the ſaid Amendments.

Ordered, That Mr *Landon Carter* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council, and inform them thereof, and deſire they will paſs the Bill with the Amendment agreed to.

A Bill *For eſtabliſhing a Trade with the* Indians *in Alliance with his Majeſty*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill on *Monday* next.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to veſt certain intailed Lands therein mentioned in* Thomas Turner, *Gent. in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Book of Claims be put off till *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, May 30th, 1757.

MR. *Bland* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For preventing Mutiny and Deſertion*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony do pay to *Joſeph Fent*, a Serjeant in the *Virginia* Regiment, out of the public Money in his Hands, the Sum of £.20, as a Recompence for the Hardſhips he endured while a Captive amongſt the *Indians*, and as an Acknowledgement for his Bravery, and Services to his Country.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For eſtabliſhing a Trade with the* Indians *in Alliance with his Majeſty*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill Tomorrow.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *For dividing the Pariſh of* St. Anne, *in the County of* Albemarle, and it is referred to Mr *Walker* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe proceeded to the further Conſideration of the Book of Claims, and the other Part thereof was read and agreed to.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Book be put off till To-morrow.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to veſt certain intailed Lands, therein mentioned, in* Thomas Turner, *Gent. in Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes*, without any Amendment.

And that they have receded from the Amendments by them propoſed, and diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia*, and have paſſed the ſaid Bill with the Amendment agreed to.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Council to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enlarge the Power of the Corporations of the City of* Williamſburg *and Borough of* Norfolk, and the ſame being read were agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That Mr *Dudley Digges* do go up with a Meſſage to the Council and inform them that this Houſe have agreed to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill, with an Amendment to which they deſire their Concurrence.

Mr *Walker* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For dividing the Pariſh of* St. Anne, *in the County of* Albemarle, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, May 31ſt, 1757.

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THE Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the adjourned Conſideration of the Book of Claims, and the remaining Part thereof was read, and the Allowances of the ſeveral Officers being added, it was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the Book of Claims to the Council for their Concurrence, and that he wait on the Governor and deſire his Aſſent thereto.

Mr Attorney, from the Committee of Privileges and Elections, reported, That the Committee had, according to Order, enquired into and ſtated an Account of the Charges accruing on the Information againſt *Leonard Claiborne*, Jun. and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Perſons in the ſaid Account mentioned ought to be paid the Sums mentioned againſt their reſpective Names, that is to ſay,

	lbs. nett Tob.
James Stark, one Day's Attendance, and coming and returning 55 Miles,	225
George Turnbull, the ſame,	225
John May, the ſame,	225
Ben. Smith, one Day's Attendance, and coming and returning 120 Miles,	420
Gardner Mays, one Day's Attendance and coming and returning 95 Miles,	345
Peter Thomas, the ſame,	345
Iſham Eppes, one Day's Attendance, and coming and returning 67 Miles,	261
To the above ſeven Witneſſes, 2*ſ.* 6*d.* each, for their Ferriages,	175
To the Sheriff for ſummoning them 10 lbs. of Tobacco each, ten *per Cent.* off,	63
To the Serjeant at Arms £. 5 6*ſ.* for his Expences in ſending twice for the ſaid *Claiborne*,	1060
	3344

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Quantities of Tobacco be levied in the Book of Claims, for the reſpective Perſons to whom the ſame are due, as mentioned in the ſaid Report, on the ſaid *Leonard Claiborne*.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For eſtabliſhing a Trade with the* Indians *in Alliance with his Majeſty*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Bill *For dividing the Pariſh of* St. Anne, *in the County of* Albemarle, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

M^r *Landon Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

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Wedneſday, June 1ſt, 1757.

Ordered, THAT M^r *Gabriel Jones* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe the Remainder of this Seſſion.

The Treaſurer, according to Order, laid his Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Accounts do lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members of this Houſe.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Council to remind them that there is now a Petition before this Houſe, recommended by them, from the Inhabitants of the County of *Frederick*, praying Aſſiſtance againſt the Incurſions of the *French* and their *Indians*; And as the Bill ſent up for their Concurrence, intituled, *An Act for the better Defence of the Colony in this Time of Danger, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, is principally calculated for the Defence of the Frontiers, this Houſe deſires they would expedite the Paſſage of the ſaid Bill, and that M^r *Charles Carter* do go up with the ſaid Meſſage.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of* St. Anne, *in the County of* Albemarle, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That M^r *Walker* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For eſtabliſhing a Trade with the* Indians *in Alliance with his Majeſty*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid bill To-morrow.

A Meſſage from the Council by M^r *Walthoe*.

That the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Defence of the Colony in this Time of Danger, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time in Council, and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Bill do paſs, the Council were divided, whereupon the ſaid Bill was rejected.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, Nemine contradicente, That the Council's rejecting the ſaid Bill, and thereby refuſing to concur with this Houſe in the moſt effectual Meaſures for carrying on the Plan of Operations for the Defence of the *Britiſh* Dominions on this Continent, which was laid before this Houſe by his Honor the Governor, and ſtrongly recommended by his Excellency the Earl of *Loudoun*, General and Commander in Chief of all his Majeſty's Forces

Forces in *North-America*, is an Obſtruction to the ſaid Plan, and may prove fatal to the *Britiſh* Colonies in general, and to this Colony in particular, by depriving it of its neceſſary Defence, in this Time of open War, againſt the Invaſion of the *French*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, June 2d, 1757.

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Ordered, THAT Mr *John Jones* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe the Remainder of this Seſſion.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *To impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Overwharton, *in the County of* Stafford, to *levy for* Mourning Richards *a reaſonable Satiſfaction for rebuilding a Church at* Acquia, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Petition of *Peter Pelham*, which was ordered to lie on the Table on *Thurſday* the fifth of *May* laſt, and the ſame being read,

Reſolved, That the Sum of £. 25 be paid by the Treaſurer of this Colony, out of the public Money in his Hands, to *Peter Pelham*, for his Trouble in performing on the Organ in the Church in the City of *Williamſburg* during this Seſſion, and for keeping the ſame in Order.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr *Charles Carter* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer's Accounts be referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Page*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr *Benjamin Harriſon*, Jun. and Mr *Pendleton*, that they examine into the ſeveral Articles thereof, and report the Ballance, as it ſhall appear to them, to the Houſe.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *For granting an Aid to his Majeſty, for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Bland*, and Mr *Waller*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Mr *Charles Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *To impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Overwharton, *in the County of* Stafford, *to levy for* Mourning Richards *a reaſonable Satiſfaction for rebuilding a Church at* Acquia, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Charles Carter* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For granting an Aid to his Majeſty, for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Amendment propoſed by this Houſe, to the Amendments by them propoſed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enlarge the Power of the Corporations of the City of* Williamſburg *and Borough of* Norfolk.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for dividing the Pariſh of* St. Anne, *in the County of* Albemarle.

And to the Book of public Claims.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Book of Claims to the Governor and deſire his Aſſent thereto. 89

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, That the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of ſundry Freeholders, Inhabitants of the County of *Middleſex*, to them referred, ſetting forth, That a Sum, not

not exceeding £. 1000, was expreſſly limited by Law, for conſtructing a Fort at *Winchester*, and they are informed £. 10,000 hath been expended.—That a well regulated Militia is the true and natural Defence of every free State, and praying that the Expence of building the Fort, and the Conduct of the Forces in the Pay of this Colony may be enquired into; And that if it is neceſſary to lay any more Taxes the ſame may be laid on the nett Produce of the Planter's Labor, and raiſed within the Year: And that they had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and is as follows:

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petition ought to be referred to the next Seſſion of Aſſembly; and the Queſtion being put that the ſaid Reſolution be agreed to,

It paſſed in the Negative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

A Bill *For granting an Aid to his Majeſty, for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That a Petition of *Carlyle* had been read in Council, and was referred by them to the Conſideration of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Petition was read, ſetting forth, That two of his Horſes were taken from him by a Party of *Catawba Indians* in Alliance with his Majeſty, on their March from the County of *Auguſta*, to *Winchester*, and praying to be allowed for his ſaid Horſes.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Walker*, and Mr *Wilſon*, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to proportion the public Levy of the following Perſons, to wit, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Waller*, Mr *Weſtwood*, Mr *Eyre*, Mr *Benjamin Cocke*, Mr *Francis Smith*, Mr *Walker*, and Mr *Whiting*.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For eſtabliſhing a Trade with the* Indians *in Alliance with his Majeſty*.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, June 3d, 1757.

MR. *Landon Carter*, from the Committee appointed to examine into the Accounts of the Officers of the Militia of the ſeveral Counties that were ordered out by his Honor the Governor for the Protection of the Frontiers, reported, That the Committee had had under their further Conſideration ſeveral of the ſaid Accounts, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

It appears to this Committee That the Account of *Charles Carter*, Eſq; Lieutenant of the County of *King-George*, for the Pay and for Proviſions for a Detachment of the Militia of the ſaid County, amounting to £. 161 3*ſ*. 5*d*. is juſt; and that the Sum of £. 1 3*ſ*. 5*d*. the Ballance of his ſaid Account, is due to him from the Public.

It alſo appears to this Committee, That Capt. *Samuel Stalnaker*'s Account for Pay for himſelf, the Officers and Soldiers of his Company of Militia in *Auguſta* County, and for Horſe Hire for the Uſe of the ſaid Company, as regulated by the Committee, amounting to £. 208 0*ſ*. 4*d*. is juſt: That the ſaid *Stalnaker* hath received, by Order of the Governor, £. 100; and that there is now due from the Public, for the Ballance of the ſaid Account,

Account, the Sum of £. 108 0*ſ*. 4*d*. beſides what ſhall appear to be due on ſettling his Proviſion Account.

It alſo appears to this Committee That the Account of Capt. *John Maxwell*, for Pay for himſelf, the Officers and Soldiers of his Company of Militia in *Auguſta* County, as regulated by the Committee, is juſt; and that there is due upon the ſaid Account, from the Public, the Sum of £. 192 3*ſ*.

It alſo appears to this Committee That Capt. *John Hardin* and his Company of Militia, in *Frederick* County, were in the Service of the Country eight Days each; and that there is due to them for the ſaid Service the Sum of £. 20 8*ſ*.

It alſo appears to this Committee That the Account of Col. *Peter Jefferſon*, of *Albemarle*, for Pay to Officers and Soldiers of the Militia of the ſaid County, amounting to £. 622 18*ſ*. 8*d*. is juſt: That he hath received from the Treaſurer the Sum of £. 634 18*ſ*. 2*d*. and that the Ballance of £. 11 19*ſ*. 6*d*. remains in his Hands to be accounted for.

It alſo appears to this Committee That the Account of *Richard Callaway*, Captain of a Company of Militia in *Bedford* County, for Pay to the ſaid Company, as regulated by the Committee, including the Sum of £. 13 19*ſ*. 8*d*. to Capt. *William Mead*, in the whole amounting to £. 159 10*ſ*. is juſt: That the ſaid *Callaway* hath received from the Treaſury the Sum of £. 174 5*ſ*. and that the Ballance of £. 14 15*ſ*. remains in his Hands to be accounted for upon the ſettling of his further Account.

It alſo appears to this Committee That the Account of Col. *John Naſh*, for the Pay of a Company of Militia of *Prince-Edward* County, amounting to £. 207 18. is juſt: That Capt. *John Naſh*, Jun. hath received from the Treaſurer £. 300, and hath paid out of the ſame, to the ſaid Col. *Naſh*, the ſaid £.207 18*ſ*. and that the Ballance of £. 92 2*ſ*. remains 91
in the Hands of the ſaid *John Naſh*, Jun. to be accounted for upon the ſettling of his Proviſion Account, which the Committee could not adjuſt for Want of proper Vouchers.

It alſo appears to this Committee That the Accounts of Col. *Robert Lewis* and Col. *Charles Barrett*, for Pay to the Militia of *Louiſa* County, amounting to £. 199 10*ſ*. 1*d*. is juſt: That the ſaid *Barrett* hath received from the Treaſurer the Sum of £. 260 19*ſ*. and that the Ballance of £. 61 8*ſ*. 11*d*. remains in his Hands to be accounted for.

It alſo appears to this Committee That Col. *John Buchanan*, of *Auguſta*, hath paid to ſeveral Officers of the Militia of the ſaid County, for the Pay of the ſaid Militia and for Proviſions for their Uſe, the Sum of £. 2442 10*ſ*. That he hath received from the Treaſurer £. 2500 and that the Ballance of £. 57 10*ſ*. remains in his Hands to be accounted for.

It alſo appears to this Committee That there is due to the following Perſons the ſeveral Sums following, to wit:

	£.	*ſ*.	*d*.
William Darlin, of *Frederick*, for Beef for *Fairfax* Militia,	1	13	2
William Hughes, of *Prince-William* County, for a Horſe impreſſed,	—	3	—
George Wetherall, Aſſignee of *Henry Threlheld* for Do,		4	6

Your Committee have alſo had under their Conſideration the ſeveral Accounts of Lieutenant *George Bigham*, Capt. *Ephraim Love*, Capt. *James Allen*, Capt. *Abraham Smith*, Capt. *James Dunlop*, Lieut. *Sampſon Archer*, Capt. *John Moore*, Capt. *Joſeph Culton*, Capt. *Joſeph Lapſley*, Capt. *Joſeph Kennedy*, Lieut. *James Magavock*, *Thomas Moore*, Capt. *John Dickenſon*, *William Wilſon*, Capt. *James Mitchell*, Capt. *Robert Breckenridge*, and Capt. *Samuel Stalnaker* of *Auguſta*, Capt. *Richard Callaway* of *Bedford*, Capt. *John Naſh*, Jun. of *Prince-Edward*, and Col. *Henry Lee* of *Prince-William*, for Pay to the Militia of thoſe Counties, and for Proviſions; alſo the Account of M^r *Clement Reade* of *Lunenburg*, for Pay to the Militia, for Proviſions, and for ſundry extraordinary Matters; but the ſaid Accounts appearing to the Committee very irregular, and without proper Vouchers, they could not ſettle or adjuſt the ſame.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Accounts ought to be referred to ſuch Perſons as the Houſe ſhall think proper to appoint to ſettle and adjuſt the ſame; and that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Perſons not to allow Captains and Lieutenants more than half Pay, where their

their Companies conſiſt of leſs than forty Men; and that Clerks and Artificers, employed by Captains or Lieutenants, be allowed only as Soldiers, except ſuch Artificers as were abſolutely neceſſary.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to Mr *Landon Carter* and Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

92 *Ordered*, That Mr *Randolph* have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe till this Day Se'nnight.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For eſtabliſhing a Trade with the* Indians *in Alliance with his Majeſty*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Ordered, That Mr *Cary* be added to the Committee appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts.

A Bill *For preventing Mutiny and Deſertion* was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, which was ordered to lie on the table on *Tueſday* laſt, was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, June 4th, 1757.

Ordered, THAT Mr *Martin*, Mr *Landon Carter*, Mr *Walker*, and Mr *Field*, have Leave to be abſent from the Service of this Houſe the Remainder of this Seſſion.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed by Act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the Twenty-ninth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty, *For raiſing the Sum of £.* 25,000 *for the better Protection of the Inhabitants on the Frontiers of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, to allow to the Commiſſaries of the *Virginia* Regiment the ſeveral Sums by them laid out in purchaſing Proviſions for the ſaid Regiment in the Year 1755, for which they have not yet received any Satisfaction.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee of Propoſitions and Grievances, reported, that the Committee had had under their Conſideration the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Richmond*, to them referred, ſetting forth, That conceiving by an Act of
93 Parliament, made in the fourth Year of his late Majeſty's Reign, they had a Power of purchaſing

purchaſing from the Contractors for the Tranſportation of Perſons by that Act deemed Offenders, ſuch Perſons as ſhould be by the ſaid Contractors or their Aſſigns brought into this Colony, the ſaid Act giving an abſolute Property to ſuch Contractors in the Service of ſuch Offenders for the limited Time of their Tranſportation, did ſeverally veſt themſelves with Servants tranſported purſuant to the ſaid Act, and held them as their lawful Property, till one *John Bayne*, by Virtue of a Power given, or pretended to be given to him, by Col. *Philip Ludwell Lee*, enticed their Servants from them, and detained them ever ſince, under Pretence of their being Perſons inliſted in his Majeſty's Royal *American* Regiment. And altho. the Petitioners, to ſhew their Willingneſs that the ſaid Regiment might be compleated, offered to accept a Satisfaction adequate to the real Value of their Servants, yet the ſaid *Bayne* refuſed to make them any other Satisfaction than he himſelf ſhould think fit, and marched their Servants out of the County: That they conceive ſuch Proceedings of *Bayne*, and all Perſons concerned in countenancing the ſame, is ſuch a violent Infringment of the Rights and Properties of the People of this Colony, confirmed to them by the aforeſaid Act of Parliament, and alſo by another Act made in the ſixth Year of his ſaid late Majeſty's Reign, that it ought to be enquired into by their Repreſentatives; and praying ſuch Relief as this Houſe ſhall think fit, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

It appears to this Committee that a large Number of People, who had been collected in the *Northern-Neck* by Col. *Philip Ludwell Lee*, *John Bayne*, and *Dennis Maccarty*, as Recruits for the Royal *American* Regiment, were marched from *Weſtmoreland* Court-Houſe by one *Richard Parker*[1]: That they took from the ſaid *Parker* a convict Servant Man belonging to him, of which he having Notice went after them, and ſoon came up with Col. *Lee*, of whom he demanded his Servant, who told the ſaid *Parker* he did not know his Servant was there; that *Parker* then demanded his Servant of one *Campbell* who was conducting the Recruits to *Williamſburg*, who ſaid he had not inliſted him, but was obliged to protect him as he was under his Care, and that Col. *Lee* would pay for him: That *Parker* then applied to the ſaid *Bayne* and *Maccarty*, who both denied that they had inliſted his Servant; and during theſe Applications the ſaid *Parker* ſaw and ſpoke to his Servant, who was immediately ſurrounded by the Recruits and hurried away. That *Parker*, in Conſequence of what *Campbell* told him, went back to Col. *Lee*, who was returned to the Court-Houſe, and demanded his Servant or a Satisfaction for him; and Col. *Lee* told him if he could prove his Servant was among the Recruits he would ſee him paid. That ſome Time after Col. *Lee* wrote to *Parker* to meet him, which he did, and Col. *Lee* then told him that *Maccarty* had inliſted his Servant and deſired him to ſue him, at which Time *Maccarty* was gone or going out of the Colony. That *Bayne* applied to the ſaid *Parker* to know if he might inlift a convict Servant belonging to one *Yeatman*, who told him he had no right to do ſo, but he ſaid he would inlift him, and *Parker* afterwards ſaw the ſaid Servant among the Recruits. That Col. *Lee* declared 94
himſelf to be the proper Perſon to be applied to for a Satisfaction for ſuch Servants as where inliſted by *Bayne*. That a convict Servant belonging to one *Franklin* was inliſted, upon which he applied to Col. *Lee*, who told him he ſhould be paid for his Servant if he could prove he was gone among the Recruits, which *Franklin* offered by Witneſſes to do: That Col. *Lee* propoſed paying him £. 6 8*ſ*. 6*d*. which *Franklin* thought too little, and at firſt refuſed, but ſome Time after was willing to take that Sum, and then Col. *Lee* told him to get it as he could. That Col. *Lee* ſince the ſaid Petition hath been preferred to this Houſe, hath paid for ſeveral Servants inliſted by *Bayne*, ſome of them belonging to Perſons who ſigned the Petition; but the ſaid *Parker*, *Franklin*, *Yeatman*, and one *Barnes*, whoſe Servants were inliſted and carried away among the Recruits, have never received any Satisfaction.

Reſolved, That the Allegations of the ſaid Petition are true.

Ordered,

1. So in the original. It ſhould be, evidently, by the Houſe of one *Richard Parker*, or, by *Richard Parker's*.

Ordered, That an humble Addreſs be made to the Governor, to deſire that his Honor will be pleaſed to direct to be paid to *Richard Parker*, *Richard Barnes*, *Edward Franklin*, *Thomas Yeatman*, and *Joſeph Morton*, out of the Money granted by this Colony for raiſing Recruits for the Royal *American* Regiment, ſo much as ſhall appear to be due to each of them reſpectively for their Servants inliſted into the ſaid Regiment; and that Mr *Charles Carter* do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Trade with the* Indians *in Alliance with his Majeſty*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the inrolled Bills of the following Perſons, *viz.* Mr Attorney, Mr *Bland*, Mr *Robert Carter Nicholas*, Mr *Cabbell*, and Mr *Alexander Bolling*.

A Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

A Bill *To impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Overwharton, *in the County of* Stafford, *to levy for* Mourning Richards a *reaſonable Satisfaction for rebuilding a Church at* Acquia, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For preventing Mutiny and Deſertion*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go thro' the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

Mr *John Bolling* reported, That the Committee to whom the Petition and Accounts of *Thomas Donald* and *Robert Haſtie* were referred, had had the ſame under their Conſideration, and come to two Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

96 *Reſolved*, That the ſaid *Thomas Donald* and *Robert Haſtie* ought to be allowed for ſeveral Articles in their ſaid Account, amounting to £.16 6*ſ.* 4*d.* to be paid by the Public.

Reſolved, That the Reſidue of the ſaid Account, amounting to £. 11 0*ſ.* 6*d.* be rejected.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, June 6th, 1757.

MR. *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, ſettled the Proportion of the Country Levy, and ſtated the ſame in a Book, which he delivered in at the Table, where it was read and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Book to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee appointed to examine the Treaſurer's Accounts had, according to Order, had the ſame under their Conſideration, and had examined all the ſeveral Articles and Vouchers thereof, and had agreed upon a Report, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

It

It appears that the ſaid Accounts are truly ſtated; and that there remains in the Hands of the Treaſurer, of the £.30,000 raiſed for paying the Militia (after deducting £. 6,014 13*ſ.* 3*d.* paid in Part of £.13,000 applied for raiſing Men for the Royal *American* Regiment, and for the *Indians*) a Ballance of £.10,129 5*ſ.* 1*d.* That there is due to the Treaſurer upon the Funds of £.40,000, and £.25,000 raiſed for the Protection of this Colony, a Ballance of £.107 16*ſ.* 8*d.* And that there is due to the Treaſurer, on Account of the Revenue ariſing from the Duties on Liquors, Slaves, Wheel-Carriages, Ordinary Licences, and Writs, a Ballance of £.393 10*ſ.*

That the Committee had alſo examined the Treaſury Notes emitted, redeemable the 30th of *June*, 1756, and redeemed by the Treaſurer, amounting to £.15,932 (the Intereſt of which amounted to £. 605 14*ſ.* 9*d.*) and burned the ſaid Notes, upon which it appears that there are of the ſaid Notes emitted, and for which no Redemption hath been demanded at the Treaſury, the Sum of £.106 13.

The Committee further inform the Houſe, That it appears upon the ſaid Accounts, that there are large Arrears due from many of the Sheriffs and Collectors of the Duties and Taxes impoſed for raiſing the ſeveral Funds before mentioned.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Accounts do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the Treaſurer's Accounts to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor to deſire he will be pleaſed to order his Majeſty's Attorney-General to enter Proſecutions immediately againſt the ſeveral County Court Clerks, Sheriffs, and other public Collectors of this 96
Colony, who have failed to account with the Treaſurer for the Duties on Writs, Ordinary Licences, and Wheel-Carriages, by them reſpectively collected.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Overwharton, *in the County of* Stafford, *to levy for* Mourning Richards a *reaſonable Satisfaction for rebuilding a Church at* Acquia, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That he had, according to Order, waited on his Honor the Governor with the Addreſs of this Houſe, in Relation to the Owners of Servants inliſted into the Royal *American* Regiment, and that his Honor was pleaſed to anſwer, That he would order Satisfaction to be made to *Richard Parker*, *Richard Barnes*, *Edward Franklin*, and *Thomas Yeatman*, named in the ſaid Addreſs, but that Mr *Morton*'s Demand was unreaſonable, he not having his Servants valued before their Embarkation, and if he had made timely Application they would have been returned to him.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That an humble Addreſs be made to his Honor the Governor to deſire that his Honor will be pleaſed to direct to be paid to *Gabriel Muffet* the Sum of £.7 7*ſ.* 8*d.* out of the Money granted by this Colony for raiſing Recruits for the Royal *American* Regiment, for his Servant inliſted into the ſaid Regiment, and that Mr *Peyton* do wait on his Honor with the ſaid Addreſs.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For preventing Mutiny and Deſertion*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had gone thro' the ſaid Bill, and had made ſeveral Amendments thereto, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the

the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, as amended, be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act to impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Overwharton, *in the County of* Stafford, *to levy for* Mourning Richards *a reaſonable Satisfaction for rebuilding a Church at* Acquia.

Alſo to the Book of Proportions.

97 Alſo to the Reſolve of this Houſe for paying *Peter Pelham* the Sum of £.25 for the Services therein mentioned.

Mr *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For appointing Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate the Accounts for the Pay and Proviſions for the Militia of ſeveral Counties*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Bland* moved for Leave to preſent a Bill *For raiſing a public Levy*, and the ſame was received and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time immediately.

The ſaid Bill was accordingly read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

A Bill *For appointing Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate the Accounts for the Pay and Proviſions for the Militia of ſeveral Counties*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, June 7th, 1757.

AN ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate the Accounts for the Pay and Proviſions for the Militia of ſeveral Counties*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

An ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing a public Levy*, was read the third Time.

Upon a Motion made,

An ingroſſed Clauſe was added to the ſaid Bill, as a Rider, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do carry the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That the Treaſurer of this Colony do allow unto Col. *John Hunter* Intereſt to the Redemption of certain Treaſury Notes which were offered by him, and could not be redeemed in Specie at the Treaſury, at the Time appointed by Act of Aſſembly for redeeming the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Petitions of *Daniel Smith*, and of ſundry Inhabitants of
98 the Town of *Staunton*, and others of the County of *Auguſta*; alſo the Accounts of *Joſeph Gray*,

Gray, *Joſeph Newſum*, *Thomas Tabb*, and *John Combs*, for ſundry public Services by them reſpectively performed, heretofore preſented to the Houſe and ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to Mr *Cary*, Mr *Waller*, and Mr *Gray*; that they do examine into the ſeveral Matters thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*,

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion*, without any Amendments.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Trade with the* Indians *in Alliance with his Majeſty*, with ſome Amendments to which they deſire the Concurrence of this Houſe.

The Houſe immediately proceeded to the Conſideration of the ſaid Amendments, and the ſame being read were diſagreed to.

Ordered, That Mr *Bland* do go with a Meſſage to the Council and acquaint them that this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendments by them propoſed to the ſaid Bill.

A written Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"The Council think it neceſſary to acquaint your Houſe, That upon examining and "conſidering the Treaſurer's Accounts it appears by the Account No 2, Page 2 and 3, "there is a Sum of £.3776 *of.* 1*d.* received of the Inſpectors of public Warehouſes for 3*ſ.* "6*d. per* Hogſhead Duty on Tobacco exported, and for Ballances from them due, which "Sum is not carried to the Credit of the Country in the General Account, which the Coun-"cil are of Opinion ought to have been, altho' the ſame is appropriated for the Redemp-"tion of Money iſſued for payment of Tobacco burnt at ſeveral public Warehouſes.

"That it alſo appears, in Pages 43 and 44, in the Account of £.12,000 issued in "1756, redeemable the 15th of *December*, 1757, that there is due to the Treaſurer the Sum "of £.107 16*ſ.* 8*d.* not carried to the Debit of the General Account.

"The Council, notwithſtanding the above mentioned Omiſſions, have paſſed the "ſaid Accounts, contenting themſelves with having made theſe Obſervations, left thoſe "Articles should be forgot at a future Settlement of the Accounts."

Reſolved, That the Treaſurer's Accounts, as ſent up to the Council, are regularly and properly ſtated; and as the ſeveral Ballances in the Accounts ariſe upon ſeparate and diſtinct Funds, appropriated for different Uſes, it would have been very irregular and improper to have ſtated them in the Manner mentioned in the Meſſage from the Council.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have receded from the Amendments by them propoſed, and diſagreed to by this Houſe, to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Trade with the* Indians *in Alliance with his Majeſty*, and have paſſed the Bill without the ſaid Amendments.

And that they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate the Accounts for the Pay and Proviſions for the Militia of ſeveral Counties*.

Alſo to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing a public Levy*, without any Amendment. 99

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, June 8th, 1757.

MR. Attorney reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, examined the inrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly inrolled.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry the inrolled Bills to the Council for their Inſpection.

Mr *Cary* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, examined into the Allegations of the Petitions of *Daniel Smith*, and of ſundry Inhabitants of the

the Town of *Staunton*, and others of the County of *Augufta*; alſo the Accounts of ſundry Perſons for Proviſions to *Indians* and for their Ferriages, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

It appears to this Committee that the Account of *Joſeph Gray* for Proviſions and Neceſſaries for *Indians*, amounting to £.4 14*ſ.* alſo *Joſeph Newſum*'s Account for the Ferriage of 128 *Indians*, one Soldier, and *James Baker* their Officer, are juſt, and that the ſaid *Newſum* be allowed £.4 1*ſ.* 3*d.* for the ſaid Service.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Accounts ought to be paid out of the Money given to defray the Expence of *Indians* coming to the Aſſiſtance of this Colony.

Reſolved, That the Petitions of the ſaid *Daniel Smith*, and ſundry Inhabitants of the Town of *Staunton*, and others of the County af *Augufta*, be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, no Perſons appearing to prove the Allegations of the ſaid Petitions.

Reſolved, That the Accounts of *Thomas Tabb* and *John Combs* for Cart Hire, and for a Horſe loſt in the Service, for building a Fort in the *Cherokee* Country ought to be referred to the Committee appointed to ſettle the Arrears due for that Service.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have inſpected the inrolled Bills, and are ſatisfied they are truly inrolled.

A Meſſage from the Governor by Mr *Walthoe*,

Mr Speaker,

"The Governor commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council-"Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent.

Mr Speaker with the Houſe went up accordingly, and the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.*

1. *An Act for granting an Aid to his Majeſty, for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*
2. .....*For preventing Mutiny and Deſertion.*
3. .....*For the better regulating and diſciplining the Militia.*
4. .....*For reducing the ſeveral Acts for making Proviſion againſt Invaſions and Inſurrections into one Act.*
5. .....*For eſtabliſhing a Trade with the* Indians *in Alliance with his Majeſty.*
6. .....*For preventing fraudulent Gifts of Slaves.*
7. .....*For appointing Commiſſioners to examine and ſtate the Accounts for the Pay and Proviſions for the Militia of ſeveral Counties.*
8. .....*For the more effectual preventing and repelling the hoſtile Invaſions of the* Indians *at Enmity with the Inhabitants of this Colony.*
9. .....*For further continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for regulating the Practice of Attornies.*
10. .....*For appointing ſeveral new Ferries, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*
11. .....*For the Relief of the Sufferers by Tobacco burned in* Crutchfield's *and* Pitt's *Warehouſes.*
12. .....*To explain an Act, intituled, Veſtries appointed.*
13. .....*For further continuing certain Acts of Aſſembly therein mentioned.*
14. .....*For continuing the Act, intituled, An Act for laying an additional Duty on Rum and other diſtilled Spirits, not being of the Produce of his Majeſty's Sugar-Iſlands.*
15. .....*For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly.*
16. .....*To enlarge the Power of the Corporations of the City of* Williamſburg *and Borough of* Norfolk.
17. .....*For raiſing a public Levy.*
18. .....*For dividing the Pariſh of* St. Anne, *in the County of* Albemarle.
19. .....*To impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* St. George, *in the County of* Spotſylvania, *to ſell their Glebe, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*
20. .....*For diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Dettingen, *in the County of* Prince-William, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

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21. . . . . *To enable the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Stratton-Major, *in the County of* King *and* Queen, *to ſell their Glebe, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

22. . . . . *For dividing the County of* Fairfax.

23. . . . . *For dividing the Pariſh of* Cumberland, *in the County of* Lunenburg.

24. . . . . *To impower the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* Overwharton, *in the County of* Stafford, *to levy for* Mourning Richards *a reaſonable Satisfaction for rebuilding a Church at* Acquia.

25. . . . . *To impower the Juſtices of the County of* Norfolk *to agree with Perſons to keep certain Ferries, and to levy the Expences thereof upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid County.*

26. . . . . *An Act for diſſolving the Veſtry of the Pariſh of* St. Paul, *in the County of* Stafford. 101

27. . . . . *To impower* Lemuel Riddick *to clear* Summerton *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

28. . . . . *To impower* William Rand *to build a Bridge over* Pagan *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

29. . . . . *To impower* Armiſtead Churchill, *Gent. to ſell and diſpoſe of entailed Lands.*

30. . . . . *To veſt certain entailed Lands therein mentioned in* Thomas Turner, *Gent.* in *Fee-Simple, and for ſettling other Lands of greater Value to the ſame Uſes.*

His Honor likewiſe gave his Aſſent to the following Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, which the Council had agreed to, *viz.*

1. For paying *William Hunter*, Printer, £.300 per Annum, for the Services therein mentioned.
2. For paying *Thomas Stephens* a Sum not exceeding £.100, for building neceſſary Works, and preparing Materials, to diſcover the Method of making Pot-Aſh.
3. For paying *Peter Pelham* £.25 for the Services therein mentioned.

And then his Honor was pleaſed to make the following SPEECH:

Gentlemen of the COUNCIL, *Mr* SPEAKER, *and Gentlemen of the* HOUSE OF BURGESSES.

I RETURN You my hearty Thanks for your dutiful Obedience to his Majeſty's Commands, and for your ſtrict Obſervance of what I recommended to you in my Speech on the Opening of this Seſſion, by granting a Vote of Supply; which, I hope, will anſwer the preſent Emergency of our Affairs, if put in Execution with Diligence, agreeable to the Purport of the Act.

I ſhall always retain a ſincere Regard for the Proſperity of this Dominion. I wiſh you an agreeable Receſs; and I hope you will with Spirit aſſiſt in raiſing the Men propoſed for the Augmentation of the Forces in the Pay of this Colony.

I think proper to prorogue you to the 26th Day of *Auguſt* next, and you are accordingly prorogued to that Time.

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Thurſday, March 30th, 1758.

A MESSAGE from the Preſident was delivered by Mr *Walthoe.*

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

"The Preſident commands the immediate Attendance of your Houſe "in the Council-Chamber."

Accordingly Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up to attend the Preſident.

And being returned, he reported, That the Houſe had attended the Preſident in the Council-Chamber, and that he was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Council and this Houſe, of which he had, to prevent Miſtakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the Houſe, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where it was again read, and is as follows:

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

IT is by His Majeſty's Command that I have called you together, upon a moſt important Occaſion, on which the Preſervation and future Proſperity of this Colony in Particular, with His Majeſty's other *American* Dominions, do eminently depend.

His Majeſty's hearty Concern to repair our former Loſſes and Diſappointments, and to avert, by the Bleſſing of God on his Arms, the Dangers impending on *North-America*, has determined him to ſend a conſiderable Squadron this Year, and to augment his Forces for moſt vigorous and extenſive Efforts; not doubting but that all his faithful and brave Subjects here, will chearfully co-operate with, and ſecond to the utmoſt, the large Expence and extraordinary Succours, ſupplied by our Mother Kingdom, for our Preſervation and Defence. His Majeſty has conſidered that the ſeveral Provinces, from *Pennſylvania* incluſive, to the Southward, are well able, with proper Encouragements, to furniſh a Body of ſeveral Thouſand Men, to join the King's Forces in thoſe Parts, for ſome offenſive
2 Operations, under the Command of Brigadier-General *Forbes*, appointed to that Department; but as he does not judge it expedient to limit the Zeal and Ardor of any of his Provinces, by making a Repartition of the Forces to be raiſed by each, I am commanded to uſe my beſt Endeavours to induce you to raiſe, with all poſſible Diſpatch, as large a Body of Men as the Number and Situation of our Inhabitants may allow.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

My greateſt Encouragement ariſes from your known Zeal and Affection to the Service, and the juſt Senſe you have of the Neceſſity of our bearing heavy Burdens, when

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at War *pro Aris & Focis*, when our Religion and Property are at Stake, and Popiſh Tryanny is to be kept out; with this particular Aggravation in our Caſe, the many barbarous and inhuman Cruelties which the *French* will continually be prompting the ſavage *Indians* to perpetrate upon us, if permitted to ſettle on the Back of us.

I am very ſenſible what large Sums have been aready raiſed and expended during this War, and how little apparent Service has accrued from it; but muſt we therefore deſpond and be out of Heart? God forbid. This ſhews indeed the Inſufficiency of only defenſive Meaſures. Let us now make one bold Puſh, in Conjunction with His Majeſty's *Britiſh* Forces, in the Offenſive, and God, I hope, will bleſs our Endeavours, which we are only to expect in the vigorous Exertion of the Abilities he has graciouſly beſtowed upon us; ſo ultimately is all from him. This is the critical Time, that will probably give us Eaſe after our Toils, and enable us to extend our Settlements on the *Ohio*. The better to facilitate this important Service, His Majeſty is pleaſed to allow me to iſſue Commiſſions to ſuch Gentlemen who, from their Weight and Credit with the People, and their Zeal for the public Service, may be beſt diſpoſed and enabled to quicken and effectuate the ſpeedy levying of the greateſt Number of Men; the whole to be in due Subordination to His Majeſty's Commander in Chief.——Lord *Colville* has writ to me for a Supply of Sailors to be ſent him from hence; if any Thing can be done therein, it muſt be by your Aſſiſtance.——I have juſt received a Letter from Major-General *Abercromby*, whom His Majeſty has appointed Commander in Chief of his Forces in *North-America*, which, with thoſe from M^r *Secretary Pitt*, I will lay before you for your fuller Information in ſeveral Particulars that I cannot well enumerate at this Time, as I would apply to you with all Freedom and Openneſs.——The Honorable *Edmond Atkin*, Eſq; His Majeſty's Agent for, and Superintendant of *Indian* Affairs in the Southern-Diſtrict, having ſent a long Repreſentation concerning *Indian* Affairs, which he thinks is of great Importance; I ſhall lay it before you, and leave it to your Conſideration.

Gentlemen of the Council, M^r Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

The preſſing Occaſion of our preſent Meeting, and the advanced Seaſon of the Year, call for your cloſeſt Application and quickeſt Diſpatch; in Order to which, I muſt inform you, That by His Majeſty's Inſtruction, I am forbid to paſs any Acts but what are immediately neceſſary for the Peace and Welfare of the Colony.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Honor the Preſident in Anſwer to his Speech. 3

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the Preſident, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and it is referred to M^r *Bland* and M^r *Randolph* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Preſident's Speech To-morrow.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Cheſterfield*, in the Room of M^r *John Bolling*, deceaſed, and that M^r *Cary* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be made to the Preſident to order a new Writ to iſſue for the electing a Burgeſs, to ſerve in this preſent General Aſſembly, for the County of *Dinwiddie*, in the Room of M^r *John Jones*, who is appointed an Inſpector of Tobacco, and that M^r *Bland* do wait on him with the ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That the Reverend M^r *William Yates* be continued Chaplain to this Houſe, and that he attend to read Prayers every Morning at Ten o'Clock.

Ordered, That *William Francis*, *Thomas Broadrib*, *Andrew Lindſay*, and *James Lavie*, be continued in their reſpective Offices of Door-Keepers to this Houſe, and that they give their Attendance accordingly.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday,

Friday, March 31ſt, 1758.

A MESSAGE from the Preſident was delivered by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

"The Preſident has commanded me to lay before this Houſe two Letters "from the Right Honorable *William Pitt*, Eſq; his Majeſty's principal "Secretary of State, to his Honor, both of the thirtieth of *December* laſt, and a Letter "from his Excellency General *Abercromby*, of the fifteenth Inſtant."

And the ſaid Letters were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee to take into their Conſideration the Preſident's Speech.

Ordered, That the Letters from Mr Secretary *Pitt* and General *Abercromby*, this Day laid before the Houſe, by Command of his Honor the Preſident, and ordered to lie on the Table, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech and Letters, and after ſome Time ſpent therein Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr Attorney reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Speech and Letters under their Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Saturday, April 1ſt, 1758.

A MESSAGE from the Preſident by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

"The Preſident has commanded me to lay before your Houſe a Repre- "ſentation from the Honorable *Edmund Atkin*, Eſq; his Majeſty's Agent for, "and Superintendant of the Affairs of the ſeveral Nations or Tribes of *Indians* inhabiting "the Frontiers of *Virginia*, *North* and *South-Carolina*, and *Georgia*, and their Confeder- "ates; incloſing a Copy of an Act of Aſſembly of the Province of *North-Carolina*, intit- "uled, *An Act for preſerving Peace and continuing a good Correſpondence with the* Indians *in* "*Alliance with his Majeſty's Subjects*, addreſſed to the Preſident, Council, and the Houſe "of Burgeſſes of this Colony."

Ordered, That the ſaid Repreſentation and Act do lie on the Table, for Peruſal of the Members of this Houſe.

Mr *Bland* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs to the Preſident, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read and agreed to, and is as follows:

SIR,

WE His Majeſty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, now met in General Aſſembly, return your Honor our Thanks for your Speech at the Opening of this Seſſion.

His Majeſty's Magnanimity, ſo conſpicuous amidſt a Variety of Loſſes and Diſappointments; His Firmneſs, and ſteady Reſolution to avert, by the Bleſſing of God on his Arms, the Dangers impending on *North-America*, by the moſt vigorous and extenſive Efforts, muſt neceſſarily fill every Mind with the moſt lively Sentiments of Duty, Loyalty, and Gratitude.

But while we reflect with Pleaſure on the conſtant Endeavours of our moſt gracious Sovereign, for ſecuring to us the full Enjoyment of our Religion and Property, we muſt be

be ſenſibly affected with the unhappy Circumſtances of the Colony, which render us unable to enter into offenſive Operations againſt the Enemy, with the Vigor and Activity becoming a People zealous of his Majeſty's Honor, and anxious for the Welfare and Security of their Country. We can only therefore aſſure your Honor, That we will chearfully contribute every Thing in our Power to facilitate His Majeſty's Deſigns, and give all poſſible Diſpatch to the Buſineſs recommended to our Conſideration.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be fairly tranſcribed, and preſented by the whole Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the ſame wait on the Preſident to know his Pleaſure when they ſhall attend his Honor to preſent it.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſideration the Preſident's Speech, together with the ſeveral Letters thereto referred, and after ſome Time ſpent theren, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Speech and Letters under their further Conſideration, but not having Time to go through the ſame, they had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will again reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Speech and Letters on *Monday* next.

And then the Houſe adjourned till *Monday* Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday, April 3d, 1758.

MR. *Randolph* reported, That the Committee appointed had, according to Order, waited on the Preſident to know his Pleaſure when the Houſe ſhould attend him with their Addreſs, and that he was pleaſed to appoint this Day, and to ſay he would ſend a Meſſage to the Houſe when he was ready to receive it.

A Petition of *John Matthews*, late a Soldier of the *Virginia* Regiment, ſetting forth, That he was lately unfortunately rendered incapable of Service by the Diſcharge of a Cannon which burſt and ſhattered his Arm, and that he was thereupon diſcharged from the ſaid Regiment naked, and deſtitute of all Subſiſtence, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Cary* and Mr *Fleming*, that they examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Preſident by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

"I am commanded by the Preſident to acquaint this Houſe that his Honor is now "ready to receive their Addreſs in the Council-Chamber."

Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up, and being returned, reported, That he, with the Houſe, had attended the Preſident in the Council-Chamber and preſented the Addreſs of this Houſe to him, to which he was pleaſed to return the following Anſwer:

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

I HEARTILY thank you for your Approbation of my Speech, at the Opening of this Seſſion.

Your juſt Sentiments of His Majeſty's Magnanimity, amidſt a Variety of Diſappointments, and His firm Reſolution, by the Bleſſing of God, to avert our Dangers, aſſure me you will now (as often hitherto) exert yourſelves in a vigorous Co-operation, even to a Stretch of our Abilities, on this critical Occaſion.

A Petition of *William Hunter*, Printer, ſetting forth, That his Salary as public Printer will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, and praying that the ſame may be further continued, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the Sum of £.300 *per Annum* be allowed to *William Hunter*, Printer, to continue to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, as a full Conſideration for printing the Journal of the Houſe of Burgeſſes printing the Laws of each Seſſion, and ſending thirteen of them to every County-Court Clerk, one of which to be half-bound for the Uſe of the Court, printing Inſpectors Notes and Books, Proclamations and other public Advertiſements.

Ordered, That the ſaid Reſolve be ingroſſed, and that Mr *Fleming* do carry it to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That a Memorial of *John Smith*, late a Captain of a Company of Rangers on the Frontiers of this Colony, addreſſed to the Preſident, Council, and Houſe of Burgeſſes, had been read in Council, and was by them referred to the Conſideration of this Houſe.

And the ſaid Memorial was read, ſetting forth, That in *June* 1756 the ſaid *Smith*, then in Fort *Vauſs*, in *Auguſta*, with a ſmall Party, was attacked by the Enemy, which (after having defended it till he had but three Men left) he was at length obliged to ſurrender: That the Enemy then moſt inhumanly murdered his eldeſt Son before his Face, and carried him Priſoner to the *Shawneſe* Towns and *French* Forts, and from thence to *Quebec*, where he was put on Board a Cartel Ship and carried to *England*. That from the Obſervations he made, while a Priſoner, he is of Opinion that a ſmall Party of Men (about 800) might, if properly conducted, eaſily deſtroy thoſe *Indian* Towns and perhaps ſome of the *French* Forts.——That while he was in *England* he had the Honor to be introduced to Mr Secretary *Pitt*, to whom he communicated his Obſervations, who highly approved his Scheme, and recommended him to Lord *Loudoun* to encourage him and promote ſuch an Enterprize.——That he has loſt three Sons and great Part of his Fortune in the Service of his Country, and that being ſtill ready and zealous for his Majeſty's Service, and well acquainted with the Route neceſſary to be taken to diſtreſs the Enemy in thoſe Parts, he humbly offers himſelf to undertake ſuch an Expedition if it ſhould be approved of.

Ordered, That the ſaid Memorial do lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members of this Houſe.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee to take into their further Conſid-
7 eration the Preſident's Speech, and the ſeveral Letters to the ſaid Committee referred, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had had the ſaid Speech and Letters under their further Conſideration, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follow:

Reſolved, That the Number of Forces now in the Pay of this Colony be augmented to 2,000, excluſive of the Rangers.

Reſolved, That for the levying, cloathing, and paying the ſaid additional Number of Forces a Sum, not exceeding £.16,000, be raiſed.

Reſolved, That the Sum of £.6,000 be raiſed for defraying the Charges of ſuch *Indians* as ſhall come to our Aſſiſtance.

Reſolved, That the Sum of £.4,500 be raiſed for the Support and paying of the Rangers.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe the Sum of £.26,500, purſuant to the Reſolutions of the Committee this Day agreed to by the Houſe, To-morrow.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday,

Tuesday, April 4th, 1758.

A CLAIM of *Dominie Gougar*, for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned.

Alſo a Claim of *Alexander Walker*, for the ſame Service.

Alſo a Claim of *John Gordon*, for the ſame Service, were ſeverally preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Clams be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

A Petition of *John Smith*, ſetting forth, That in the Year 1755 he was appointed Captain of a Company of Rangers, and continued in the Service until he was made a Priſoner in the Year 1756; and that he expended large Sums of his own Money in purchaſing Proviſions and other Neceſſaries for his Company, but being taken Priſoner had no Opportunity of applying to have his Accounts ſettled till this Time, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe the Sum of £26,500 agreeable to the Reſolutions of the Committee Yeſterday, agreed to by the Houſe, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, That the Committee had come to a Reſolution thereon, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe, and he read the ſame in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows:

Reſolved, That the Sum of £26,500 to be levied, be raiſed by a Tax of one Shilling 8
on every Hundred Acres of Land, to commence in the Year 1761, and to continue four Years: Alſo a Tax of one Shilling *per* Poll on every Tithable Perſon within this Colony, to commence in the Year 1761, and to continue four Years.

Ordered, That a Bill or Bills be brought in purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution, and alſo to the Reſolutions of the Committee Yeſterday, agreed to by the Houſe, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Pendleton*, and Mr *Nicholas* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee to receive a Clauſe or Clauſes to impower the Treaſurer to pay the Allowances by Law for ſuch Scalps as have been produced before this Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Alſo that the ſaid Committee receive a Clauſe or Clauſes to impower the Treaſurer to emit Treaſury Notes, not exceeding £. 26,500, for the Purpoſes mentioned in Yeſterday's Reſolutions.

A Petition of *Thomas Penman*, Keeper of the public Goal, praying that his Salary and allowance, as heretofore ſettled by this Houſe, for maintaining the public Criminals, which will expire at the End of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, may be ſtill continued to him, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Reſolved, That the additional Sum of £. 15 be paid to the ſaid *Thomas Penman* every Year, over and above his uſual Salary of £. 25.

Reſolved, That ten Pounds of Tobacco *per* Day be allowed the ſaid *Thomas Penman* for every Criminal committed to the ſaid Goal, during ſuch Criminal's Impriſonment, from this Time to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Cary* reported, That the Perſons to whom the Petition of *John Matthews* was referred had examined into the Allegations of the ſaid Petition and found them to be true, and had come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment, and is as follows:

Reſolved, That the ſaid *John Matthews* ought to be allowed, by the Public, for his Services, the Sum of £. 5 *per Annum* during his Life.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For continuing an Act paſſed the laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly, intituled, An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion*, and it is referred to Mr Attorney to prepare and bring in the ſame.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, *For appointing an Agent*, and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Cary*, and Mr *Nicholas* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Wedneſday, April 5th, 1758.

9 A CLAIM of *Henry Hazard* for taking up a Runaway therein mentioned, was preſented to the Houſe and received.

Ordered, That the ſaid Claims be referred to the Conſideration of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee appointed, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For appointing an Agent*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Upon a Motion made,

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, Yeſterday appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill or Bills purſuant to the ſeveral Reſolutions therein mentioned, that they receive a Clauſe or Clauſes to impower the Preſident, or the Commander in Chief of this Colony for the Time being, to garifon the Forts on the Frontiers of this Colony with the Militia in the Abſence of the Forces.

Mr Attorney preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For continuing an Act, intituled, An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

Mr *Charles Carter*, from the Committee appointed, preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, *For raiſing the Sum of £.26,500 for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Meſſage from the Preſident by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr Speaker,

"The Preſident has Commanded me to lay before this Houſe two Letters he has juſt "received; the one from his Excellency General *Abercromby*, and the other from General "*Forbes*."

And the ſaid Letters were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Thurſday, April 6th, 1758.

THE Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Petition of Captain *John Smith*, which was preſented to the Houſe on *Tueſday* laſt, and ordered to lie on the Table; and the ſame being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee appointed by Act of Aſſembly *For granting an Aid to His Majeſty, for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*; That they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Petition of *Peter Luny*, ſetting forth, That he was a Serjeant in *Vauſs*'s Fort, in
10 *Auguſta*, under the Command of Capt. *Smith*, upon the Surrender of which to the Enemy in

in *June* 1756, he loſt his Horſe and ſeveral other Goods to a conſiderable Value, and alſo ſuffered great Hardſhips during his Captivity at Fort *Detroit*, whither he was carried a Priſoner; and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Pendleton* and Mr *Walker*, that they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

A Bill *For raiſing the Sum of £. 26,500, for the better Protection of this Colony, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe immediately.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Letters from General *Abercromby* and General *Forbes*, Yeſterday laid before the Houſe by Command of the Preſident, be referred to the Conſideration of the ſaid Committee.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill and Letters, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill and Letters under their Conſideration, and had made ſeveral Amendments to the ſaid Bill, which they had directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered them in at the Table, where they were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendments, as amended, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Bill *For continuing an Act, intituled, An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee upon the ſaid Bill To-morrow.

A Bill *For appointing an Agent*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Friday, April 7th, 1758.

AN engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for augumenting the Forces in the Pay of this Colony to Two Thouſand Men, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*, was read a third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Pendleton* reported, that the Perſons to whom the Petition of *Peter Luney* was referred, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and had agreed upon a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at 11
the Table, where the ſaid Reſolution was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe with an Amendment, and is as follows.

It appears, that the ſaid *Peter Luney* was a ſerjeant in a Detachment appointed to gariſon Fort *Vauſs* in *Auguſta*, under the Command of Capt. *John Smith*, and by his Order carried to the ſaid Fort an Horſe of the Value of Seven Pounds, which was employed in bringing Meal and other Neceſſaries for the ſaid Gariſon, and had alſo there a Saddle and Bridle of the Value of Fifty Shillings, and a rifle Gun of the Value of Four Pounds ten Shillings: That the ſaid *Peter Luney* behaved well in the Defence of the Fort, when attacked by the Enemy in *June* 1756, and received a Wound in his Shoulder; and upon the Surrender thereof was taken Priſoner, and kept in Captivity for about a Year, when he found Means to make his Eſcape, and the Enemy took from him the ſeveral Things above-mentioned, and wearing Apparel to the Value of Five Pounds.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Peter Luney* ought to be paid by the Public the Sum of £.46–*ſ.* 16, as a Recompence for his Loſſes, and a Reward for his Bravery in defending *Vauſs's* Fort.

The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee upon the Bill *For continuing an Act, intituled, An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee had had the ſaid Bill under their Conſideration, and made an Amendment thereto, which they directed him to report to the Houſe; and he read the ſame in his Place, and then delivered it in at the Table, where it was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe with an Amendment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill with the Amendment, as amended, be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for augmenting the Forces in the Pay of this Colony to Two Thouſand Men, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*

Alſo to the Reſolve of this Houſe, For allowing *William Hunter*, Printer, a Salary of £.300 *per Annum*, for the Services therein mentioned.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr Attorney do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

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Saturday, April 8th, 1758.

UPON a Motion made.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wage in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*; and it is referred to Mr *Pendleton* to prepare and bring in the ſame.

An engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for appointing an Agent*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

Mr *Pendleton* preſented to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read a ſecond Time.

A Petition of *Dennis M'Namara*, ſetting forth, that in *January*, 1754, he was enliſted in the *Virginia* Regiment, in which he continued till *Auguſt*, 1757, when he was diſcharged, as unfit for Service, being rendered an Invalid by the Loſs of one of his Arms, and praying the Conſideration of this Houſe, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to Mr *Pendleton*, Mr *Waller*, and Mr *Johnſon*: That they do examine into the Allegations thereof, and report the ſame, with their Opinion thereupon, to the Houſe.

Upon a Motion made,

A Bill *For paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed, and read a third Time.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Monday,

Monday, April 10th, 1758.

AN engroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for paying the Burgeſſes Wages in Money for this preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly*, was read the third Time, and the Blanks therein filled up.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Mr *Pendleton* do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Council for their Concurrence.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion.*

Mr *Waller* reported, that the Committee to whom the Petition of *Dennis M'Namara* was referred, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and agreed upon a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſaid Reſolution was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, as follows.

It appears to us, that the ſaid *Dennis M'Namara* was a Soldier in Col. *Stephens*'s 13
Company; that he was employed to work at Fort *Waſhington*, and to ſink a Well, as mentioned in the Petition, and received no more than the common Pay of Eight-pence *per* Day: That he loſt his Arm in the Service, and was diſcharged the 25th of *Auguſt* laſt.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Dennis M'Namara* ought to be allowed the Sum of Ten Pounds for the ſaid Services, and the Sum of Five Pounds *per Annum* during his Life, as a Recompence for the Loſs of his Arm.

Upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That a moſt dutiful and loyal Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to repreſent to him the State and unhappy Situation of this Colony, and to deſire his royal and paternal Interpoſition, that his faithful Subjects may be releaſed from the heavy Burden they labor under.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be drawn up, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolution; and it is referred to Mr *Charles Carter*, Mr *Moore*, Mr *Robinſon*, Mr *Bayler*, Mr *Dudley Digges*, Mr Attorney, Mr *Nicholas* and Mr *Waller*, to prepare and bring in the ſame.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

Tueſday, April 11th, 1758.

UPON a Motion made,

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Sums following be allowed to the ſeveral Officers of the General Aſſembly reſpectively.

To *John Randolph*, Eſq; Clerk of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, ... £.90
To *Nathaniel Walthoe*, Eſq; Clerk of the General-Aſſembly, ... 40
To the Reverend Mr *William Yates*, Chaplain, ... 20
To Mr *Francis Eppes*, Serjeant at Arms, ... 30
To the Door-Keeper of the Council, ... 6
To *William Francis*, 6
To *Andrew Lindſay*, 6
To *Thomas Broadribb*, Door-Keepers to the Houſe, 6
To *James Lavie*, 6
To Mr *John Palmer*, for his Services, ... 15

Ordered, That Mr *Charles Carter* do carry the ſaid Reſolve to the Council for their Concurrence.

Ordered,

Ordered, That there be a Call of the Houſe to-morrow.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to examine the enrolled Bills of the following Perſons, viz. Mr *John Page*, Mr *William Digges*, Mr *John Nicholas*, and Mr *William Waller*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning Eleven o'Clock.

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Wedneſday, April 12th, 1758.

A MESSAGE from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have agreed to the Reſolve of this Houſe for paying the ſeveral Officers of the General-Aſſembly the reſpective Sums of Money therein mentioned.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee appointed had, according to Order, prepared an Addreſs and Repreſentation to be preſented to his Majeſty, purſuant to the Reſolution Yeſterday made by the Houſe, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs and Repreſentation be fairly tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker.

That Mr Speaker be deſired to encloſe the Addreſs and Repreſentation to his Majeſty, to the Right Honorable *William Pitt*, Eſq; and to requeſt the Favor of him to lay the ſame before his Majeſty in the moſt proper Manner; and that he acquaint Mr *Pitt*, that this Houſe place an entire Confidence in his known Abilities and Integrity, and earneſtly intreat, that Meaſures may be taken to prevent the Miſapplication of any Money that may be granted for our Relief.

Mr *Charles Carter* reported, that the Committee to whom the Petition of *John Smith* was referred, had examined into the Allegations thereof, and agreed upon a Report, and come to a Reſolution thereupon, which he read in his Place, and then delivered in at the Table, where the ſaid Reſolution was again twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe with an Amendment, as follows.

It appears, that the ſaid *John Smith* was appointed Captain of a Company of Rangers, by Commiſſion bearing Date the 25th Day of *May*, 1756, and taken Priſoner the 25th of *June* following, at *Vauſs's* Fort, that he had ſeveral of his own Guns there, which were made Uſe of in Defence of the Fort, an Horſe employed in going to Mill, a Mare which he rode thither a few Days before, and ſeveral other Things, all which were taken by the Enemy, in the Reduction of the Fort; and, that he is but lately returned from his Captivity.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *John Smith* ought to be allowed the Sum of Fifteen Pounds, Ten Shillings, being Ten Shillings *per* Day, for his Pay as Captain, from the Date of his Commiſſion to the Time of his Captivity; and the further Sum of One Hundred Pounds for the Arms and other Things furniſhed for the Uſe of the Fort, and as a Reward for his Bravery in the Defence thereof.

Mr *Page* reported, that the Committee appointed had, according to Order, examined the enrolled Bills, and rectified ſuch Miſtakes as were found therein, and that they were truly enrolled.

Ordered, That Mr *Page* do carry the enrolled Bills to the Council for their Inſpection.

A Meſſage from the Council by Mr *Walthoe*.

That they have inſpected the enrolled Bills, and are ſatisfied they are truly enrolled.

15 A Meſſage from the Preſident by Mr *Walthoe*.

Mr SPEAKER,

"The Preſident commands the immediate Attendance of this Houſe in the Council-"Chamber, and that you bring with you ſuch Bills as are ready for his Aſſent."

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Mr Speaker, with the Houſe, went up accordingly; and the Preſident was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, viz.

1. *An Act for augmenting the Forces in the Pay of this Colony to Two Thouſand Men, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*

2. *An Act for continuing and amending an Act, intituled, An Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion.*

And likewiſe to the following Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes, which the Council had agreed to, viz.

For paying *William Hunter*, Printer, a Salary of £.300 *per Annum*, for the Services therein mentioned.

And for paying the ſeveral Officers of the General-Aſſembly the reſpective Sums of Money therein mentioned.

And then his Honor was pleaſed to make the following SPEECH.

Gentlemen of the COUNCIL, Mr SPEAKER, *and Gentlemen of the* HOUSE *of* BURGESSES.

IT is a great Pleaſure to me, that I have now an Opportunity of acquainting his Majeſty of this freſh Inſtance of your Duty, Loyalty, and Gratitude, to the beſt of Kings, in this ready and liberal Supply you have now (though under unhappy Circumſtances) raiſed on this important Occaſion.

Your extended Bounty to the Men will, I hope, expedite the raiſing our New Regiment with good Diſpatch; and I muſt recommend it to you to be aſſiſting therein, with your Influence and Authority.

I ſhall think myſelf happy if, in this new Station I am providentially called to, I can ſo demean myſelf, as that the Service may not ſuffer through me; in which, I hope, you will aſſiſt me with your ſeaſonable Informations and Advice.

As the Buſineſs of the Court is now begun, I think proper to prorogue you to the laſt *Thurſday* in *June*; and you are accordingly prorogued to that Time.

APPENDIX.

Appendix.

BANCROFT TRANSCRIPTS.

Meſſage from the *Twightwees*[1] to Governor *Dinwiddie* 21 *June* 1752.

From the *Twightwees* Town[2] *June* 21ſt 1752.

Our Good Brother of *Virginia*.

This comes by our Brother *Thomas Burney*[3] who was with us in the laſt unhappy battle we had with our enemies the *French* and *French Indians*, who engaged our Fort at a time when all our Warriors and briſkeſt men were out a hunting.

They had two hundred and forty fighting men, appear'd ſuddenly and took us by ſurprize, when they had ſent us Wampum and a fine *French* Coat in token of peace and good-will, juſt to deceive and draw our people out a hunting and then fall on us, as a more weak & defenceleſs part, being only twenty men able to bear arms, and nine of them were our brothers the *Engliſh*, who help'd us much; but their ſtores and houſes being on the outſide of our Fort, our enemies plunder'd them, and took ſix of our brothers the *Engliſh*'s goods, and to our great loſs their powder and lead, and kill'd one of them *Engliſh* and ſcalp'd him. They kill'd our great *Pianquiſha*[4] King, whom we called *Old Britain*[5] for his great love to our Brothers the *Engliſh*.

BROTHER. We ſend you by our brother *Burney* one ſcalp and a Belt of Wampum, to let you know we are more concern'd for the loſs of our King and our brothers that were taken and kill'd than for ourſelves, altho' in great diſtreſs for want of arms and ammunition; for we muſt look on ourſelves as loſt, if our brothers the *Engliſh* do not ſtand by us and give us powder and lead and arms. To confirm what we ſay, and to aſſure you we will ever continue true friends and allies to our brothers the *Engliſh*,

We ſend you this Scalp, & Belt of Wampum.

P. S. There was but two *French* Men appeared among the *Indians* in time of battle, altho' we underſtood there were thirty *French* Men within two miles of us, all the time of action, who were ready to receive their ſhare of the plunder.

Meſſage

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[1] *Twightwees.* Better known as the *Miamis*, a powerful confederation reſiding in weſtern *Ohio*, in the greater part of *Indiana*, and in a portion of *Illinois*. The name *Twightwees*, applied to them by the *Engliſh*, was an attempted rendition of the call of the crane. This call, it appears, had been adopted by the tribe. During the ſeventeeth century, the *Miamis* had been conſiſtent friends of the *French*, and had waged war on equal terms with the *Senecas* and *Iroquois*; but in 1708 their deputies appeared at *Albany* and eſtabliſhed amicable relations with the *English*. Although an element of the tribe remained partial to *France*, the *English* gradually gained ſtrength among them, and on *July* 23, 1748, ſigned a treaty with the *Miamis* at *Lancaster*, *Pennsylvania*. The *French* became much incenſed at this action, and made an effort to renew their treaty with the *Miamis* in 1749. The failure of this attempt and the refuſal of the *Miamis* to deſert their allies led to bloodſhed.

[2] *Twightwees* Town. Situated on the weſtern bank of the *Great Miami*, at the mouth of *Loramies* Creek. In 1750 the *English* built a ſtockade in the village, and named the place *Pickawillany* or *Picktown*. The place was captured by the *French* and their *Indian* allies on *June* 21, 1752, and the *Engliſh* expelled.

[3] *Thomas Burney.* A trader who had reſided at *Pickawillany*, and had eſcaped from the fort when it was captured. He alſo carried the news of the fight at *Pickawillany* to *Pennsylvania*, arriving at *Carlisle August* 29, 1752. (See *Robert Callender*'s letter to Governor *Hamilton*, *August* 30, 1752, in *Goodman*'s edition of the "Journal of Captain William Trent," pp. 47, 48.)

[4] *Pianquiſha.* A tribe of the *Miamis*, which reſided on the Wabaſh.

[5] *Old Britain.* *Trent* adds that the *Indians* "boiled and eat him all up." ("Journal of Captain William Trent," p. 88).

Meſſage of the *Piets* [*Picks*] and *Windaws* to Gov^r. *Dinwiddie.*

ELDEST BROTHER.

This is to let you know that we *Piets* [*Picks*] and *Windaws*[1] are come with tears in our eyes, and to let you know that about three years ago the *French* King's ſervants[2] came and told us that we ſhould all die, and did not know by whom or what people; but now we have found it out to be themſelves, and that they have ſpill'd our blood; & to aſſure you hereof, here is this String of Wampum: & has kill'd five of us, and eat three of our men's fleſh, the other two they have in irons. Now we come crying to our brother and his allies, and to let them know that we have taken the hatchet to ſtrike the *French* for ſpilling our blood; this with tears in our eyes, the *Windaws* and *Piets* [*Picks*], Captains and Kings, and to have your opinion of it, and all your friendly brothers, and that the *French* have all our Nation, and the *Citzabuſe*, *Mackuty*, *Twightwees*, *Shandaws*, *Doutows*, and five Nations that they will have againſt them, & told them that they will come and take their land from them. And we deſire our Brothers to look upon us and to pity, for we are in great diſtreſs, and that our Captains have taken up the hatchet of war; and to aſſure you of that, we preſent this Belt of Wampum. They are always, as Counſel with us not to leave them, but we have told them that we will not, but come to our Brothers the *Engliſh* where we can have ſupply of powder and lead and weapons for war. Laſt Spring we heard here that you our brother and our friends that have very good news, that you nor our brother's children ſhould not be hurt, nor our blood ſpill'd, but hunt without [fear] and now we come to you. Now they have told us go and leave them, & go to the *Engliſh* & get powder and lead and every thing fit for hunting & let them be your Father. This is to let our Brothers know that we have left the *French* and come to our Brothers the *Engliſh*, to get ſupply of them, and know that we are your brothers as the other Nations are; & don't think this is from our mouth only, that it is from our very hearts, and not to think that we are deceiving of you our Brothers or your friends. We have kill'd and eate ten of the *French* and two of their Negroes, and eat of their fleſh. We have told you that we have ſtruck them, now have left them, and will not return to them any more, but will war againſt them; and as we told you they told us, to go to you the *Engliſh*, and to make a Father of them; and we are come to the *Piets* [*Picks*] Town and have found very Eldeſt Brothers that ſwap'd every thing with us, for ſuch as we wanted: we are very glad to find ſuch Brothers.

Goods fit for a Preſent for the Six Nations. 1752.

Goods fit for a Preſent for the Six United Nations together with the *Shawaneſe*, *Delawares*, *Twightwees Piets* [*Picks*] and *Windotts*[3].

Every article proportion'd to the Strouds & Duffils, by the quantitys of which every other article ſhould be proportioned.

20 Pieces of Strouds[4]
20 P^s of Duffills[5]
20 P^s of Halfthicks[6]
40 Barrels of Gun Powder
60 Cw^t of Lead
40 P^s of Garlix[7] *viz^t*

15 P^s

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[1] *Picks* and *Windaws*. Theſe tribes appear to have been ſubdiviſions of the *Miami* confederation. The name *Picks* is tranſcribed *Piets* in the above letter. This is clearly a miſtake, ſince *Picktown* was their village. The meſſage was ſent in *June*, 1752.

[2] *French* King's ſervants. This was the expedition under *Céloron de Bienville*, which expedition laid formal claim to the *Ohio* country in 1749. (See *Francis Parkman*, "Montcalm and Wolfe," V. I, c. 2.)

[3] *Windotts*. All of theſe tribes the *Engliſh* were ſeeking to unite in alliance againſt the *French*.

[4] Strouds. Strouding, a rough blanket-ſtuff, much eſteemed by the *Indians*.

[5] Duffills. Properly Duffles or Duffels, coarſe woolen ſrieze cloth.

[6] Halfthicks. Coarſe cloth, reſembling kerſey.

[7] Garlix. Properly Garlits, a form of *German* linen.

15 P^{s} ¾ made into plain ſhirts for men each piece will make 10 ſhirts
10 P^{s} of ¾ made into ſmall ſhirts for children of different ages.
15 P^{s} whole.
10 P^{s} of ⅞ made into ſhirts for men, ruffled with Muſlin each piece will make 8 ſhirts.
4000 Flints
20 Groce of Gartering and Bedlace, the gartering ſcarlet and Star, 36 yards in a piece, without breakage.
20 P^{s} of 4^{d} Ribbon, deep red, blew, and green.
20 P^{s} of 12^{d} D^{o} the ſame colours.
10 P^{s} ſtriped Callimancoe[1], lively colours.
6 doz. Women's ſcarlet worſted ſtockings
6 doz. Men's large worſted Caps.
20 doz. Large Cuttoe knives.
100 Guns, ſmall bored, and 25 p^{r} piſtols.
5 doz. Cutlaſſes
60 ℔. of Vermillion.
2 Groce of Square *Indian* Awl Blades.
26 ℔. of Braſs Kettles.
20 ℔. of Braſs wire, different ſizes.
20 ℔. Beads, ſmall White.
40 ℔. Coloured thread.
50 Meddals with His Majeſty's picture on one ſide and the *Britiſh* Coat of Arms on the other, as they need not be ſo thick as *Engliſh* Crowns they may be made ſomething larger, with a loop to put a ribbon through.

Whatever quantity of Lace Cloths and Hats and Feathers ſhall be thought proper, I imagin that ſcarlet cloth cuff'd and lapell'd with blew, laced with common ſingle lace would be acceptable as any.

The Acco^{t}. of His Majeſty's Revenue of Quit Rents &c. ariſing within this Colony of *Virginia* for the Year 1751.

The Receiver General doth charge himſelf with the receipt of the ſaid Revenue as follows.

To Ballance of the laſt Acco^{t}	£ 9515	7	9
To the Quit Rents of the Northern Neck for the year 1751	6	13	4
To the Acco^{t}. of Compoſitions for Eſcheated Lands	1	14	—

Quit Rents for the Year 1751.

Counties Names	Number of acres paid for	Paid in money £	s	d	Sheriffs allowances £	s	d	Amount £	s	d
Amelia	498717	498	14	4	49	17	5	448	16	11
Auguſta	300000	300	—	—	30	—	—	270	—	—
Albemarle	486104	486	2	1	48	12	2	437	9	11
Accomack	233467	233	9	4	23	6	11	210	2	5
Brunſwick	276794	276	15	10	27	13	7	249	2	3
Caroline	269196	269	3	11	26	18	4	242	5	7
Charles City	97413	97	8	3	9	14	10	87	13	5
Cumberland	246704	246	14	1	24	13	5	222	—	8
Cheſterfield	243068	243	1	4	24	6	1	218	15	3
Elizabeth City	33295	33	5	11	3	6	7	29	19	4

Eſſex

[1] Callimancoe. Properly Calamancoe, *Flanders* ſtuff, gloſſy, with a ſatin twill and a checquered warp.

Arrears of Quit Rents paid in the Year 1751.

Counties Names	Number of acres paid for	Paid in money £	s	d	Sheriffs allowances £	s	d	Amount £	s	d
Effex	141036	141	—	9	14	2	1	126	18	8
Glouceſter	171396	171	7	11	17	2	9	154	5	2
Goochland	117112	117	2	3	11	14	2	105	8	1
Hanover	258964	258	19	3	25	17	11	233	1	4
Henrico	115117	115	3	1	11	10	3	103	12	10
James City	87743	87	14	10	8	15	5	78	19	5
Iſle of Wight	110000	110	—	—	11	—	—	99	—	—
King William	70000	70	—	—	7	—	—	63	—	—
King & Queen	184927	184	18	6	18	9	10	166	8	8
Louiſa	308448	308	8	11	30	16	10	277	12	1
Lunenburg	———	——	—	—	—	—	—	——	—	—
Middleſex	74762	74	15	3	7	9	6	67	5	9
Nanſemond	147820	147	16	5	14	15	7	133	—	10
Norfolk	128597	128	11	11	12	17	2	115	14	9
Northampton	105560	105	11	2	10	11	1	95	—	1
New Kent	104563	104	10	9	10	9	1	94	1	8
Orange	———	——	—	—	—	—	—	——	—	—
Prince George	100000	100	—	—	10	—	—	90	—	—
Princeſs Anne	120000	120	—	—	12	—	—	108	—	—
Spotſylvania	240485	240	9	8	24	—	11	216	8	9
Surry	300000	300	—	—	30	—	—	270	—	—
Southampton	200733	200	14	8	20	1	5	180	13	3
Warwick	39395	39	7	11	3	18	9	35	9	2
York	———	——	—	—	—	—	—	——	—	—
Amelia	1200	1	4	—	—	2	4	1	1	8
Auguſta	112128	112	2	6	11	4	3	100	18	3
D°. for 1749	215411	215	8	3	21	10	10	193	17	5
D°. for 1748	192374	192	7	6	19	4	9	173	2	9
Albemarle 1746	233230	233	4	7	23	6	5	209	18	2
Brunſwick	1106	1	2	1	—	2	2	——	19	11
Caroline	3889	3	17	9	—	7	9	3	10	—
D°.	1405	1	8	1	—	2	10	1	5	3
Cumberland	2972	2	19	5	—	5	11	2	13	6
Cheſterfield	600	——	12	—	—	1	2	——	10	10
Elizabeth City	1705	1	14	1	—	3	5	1	10	8
Effex	200	——	4	—	—	—	4	——	3	8
Glouceſter	1540	1	10	10	—	3	1	1	7	9
Goochland 1745	257962	257	19	3	25	15	11	232	3	4
Hanover	5722	5	14	5	—	11	5	5	3	—
Henrico	12726	12	14	6	1	5	5	11	9	1
D°. for 1749	107351	107	7	—	10	14	8	96	12	4
D°. for 1748	126132	126	2	8	12	12	3	113	10	5
King and Queen	2480	2	9	7	—	4	11	2	4	8
Louiſa	3482	3	9	8	—	6	11	3	2	9
Lunenburgh 1749	233333	233	6	8	23	6	8	210	—	—
Nanſemond	19681	19	13	8	1	19	5	17	14	3
Norfolk	1600	1	12	—	—	3	2	1	8	10
Orange	66989	66	19	9	6	13	11	60	5	10
Spotſylvania	6247	6	4	11	—	12	6	5	12	5

Surry

Arrears of Quit Rents paid in the Year 1751.

Counties Names	Number of acres paid for	Paid in money £ s d	Sheriffs allowances £ s d	Amount £ s d
Surry	235600	235 12 —	23 11 2	212 — 10
Warwick	800	— 16 —	— 1 7	— 14 5
Received in feveral Countys from Sundry Perfons				16 7 1
				£16433 10 5

The Receiver General doth Difcharge himfelf

	£ s d
By paid to the Right Honourable *Horatio Walpole*[1] on His Majefty's warrant one year's allowance ending the 25th of *April* laft	150 — —
By three warrants for the Commiffary's Salary[2] to the time of his death	125 — —
By two warrants to the Attorney General[3] for one Year's Salary ending the 25th of *April* laft	70 — —
By His Majefty's Warrant dated at St. *James*'s the 29th day of *April* 1751 for paying to *Peter Leheup*[4] Efq. or to his Affigns	2500 — —
By three warrants from the Governor dated the 25th of *October* 1752 in purfuance of His Majefty's Warrant dated at *Kenfington* the 11th day of *September* 1751 for the rewards to the Commiffioners and Surveyors and defraying the charges and expences in extending the Dividing Line between this Colony and *Carolina*	973 3 1

Arrears of Quit Rents paid in the Year 1751.

By His Majefty's Warrant dated at St. *James*'s the 8th day of *January* 1752. for paying to *Peter Leheup* Efq. or to his Affigns	3723 10 —
By Allowance to the Receiver Generals[5] of 6⅔ *P Cent* on £1229..4..5. for Arrears received on this Account fettled for before the prefent regulation	81 19 —

By

[1] *Horatio Walpole.* The well known *Engliſh* wit and author. He held many ſinecures and received frequent grants from the crown.

[2] Commiffary's falary. *William Dawſon*, Commiffary of the Biſhop of *London* in *Virginia*, died *July* 24, 1752. (See *Stanard*'s "Colonial Virginia Regiſter," p. 48.) He had ſucceeded *James Blair* in that office (*Meade*, "Old Churches... and Families," V. 1, p. 167) upon the death of the latter, *April* 18, 1743 (*Stanard*, "Colonial Virginia Regiſter," p. 42). He was born in *England* in 1704. During the time that he was Commiffary, he was alſo Preſident of *William* and *Mary* College.

[3] Attorney-General's. *Peyton Randolph*, Eſq., Attorney-General from 1748 to 1766. *Randolph* (born 1721) was one of the moſt prominent men of Colonial *Virginia*, and became Speaker of the Houſe upon the death of *John Robinſon* in 1765. He held that office until 1775, and was Preſident of the Continental Congreſs of 1774. He died in *Philadelphia, October* 22, 1775. *Waſhington*, writing to the Preſident of the Congreſs (*Ford*, "Writings of Waſhington," V. 3, p. 193), ſaid that *Randolph*'s death was "a loſs, as a good citizen and valuable member of ſociety,... much to be regretted."

[4] *Peter Leheup.* Clerk of the Privy Council and Agent in *England* for the Council of *Virginia*. He was tried, *April* 19, 1755, for malfeaſance as one of the receivers in a lottery, and fined and deprived of his offices. He was ſucceeded by *John Abercrombie* as Agent of the Council of *Virginia* at a ſalary of 100 pounds per annum ("Dinwiddie Papers," V. 1, pp. 139, 140, 210, 211, 237).

[5] Receiver General. *Philip Grymes*, who ſigned this account. *Grymes* was Receiver-General from 1749 to 1754, being ſucceeded in the latter year by *Richard Corbin*.

Arrears of Quit Rents paid in the Year 1751.

By Allowance of ½ *P C*ᵗ. on £6836..3..8 for negotiating the Bills of Exchange in *London*	34	3	7
By Allowance to the Auditor[1] at 5 *P C*ᵗ on £6918..2..8	345	18	2
By Allowance to the Receiver General on the fame Sum	345	18	2
So that the fum Diſburſt amounts to	8349	12	—
And there will remain due to Ballance this Accᵗ	8083	18	5
	£16433	10	5

(Signed) *Philip Grymes* Recʳ. Genˡ.

I have examined the within Accoᵗ. of His Majeſty's Revenue of Quitrents for the Year 1751. and have compared every article with its proper voucher produced by *Philip Grymes* Eſq. Receiver General, and find the Charge thereof amounting to Sixteen thouſand four hundred thirty three pounds ten ſhillings & five pence, and the Diſcharge to eight thouſand three hundred forty nine pounds twelve ſhillings, both truly ſtated; So that there is due to His Majeſty's Revenue for Ballance of this Accoᵗ. Eight thouſand and eighty three pounds eighteen ſhillings and five pence Sterling.

John Blair D. Audʳ.

Accoᵗ. of His Majeſty's
Quit Rents.

November the 6th 1752

The within Accoᵗ. compared and examined by *John Blair*, Eſqʳ. Deputy Auditor was produced to me in Council and Sworn to by *Philip Grymes* Eſqʳ. Receiver General.

(Signed) *Robᵗ. Dinwiddie.*

Paragraph of a Letter written by *William Weſt* to the Governor of *Pennſylvania*[2]
7 May 1753

Suſquehannah May 7th 1753.

Andrew Montour relates that ſome time after he had come to *Onondago*, there arrived there ſeven *French Indians* with a Belt of (all) black Wampum, ſix feet long and twelve granes of Wampum in breadth, to inform the Six Nations, by order of the Governor of *Canada*[3] that they intended early this summer to be at *Ohio*'s River, with a large body of men, two hundred and fifty of which were now (and has been upwards of two months) at a carrying place[4] that leads from *Niagara* to the heads of the *Ohio*'s building cannoes & making other preparations for the reception of the remainder of their army. That about the laſt week in *April* the ſaid army, to the number of ſix thouſand *French*[5] and a large number of *Indians* were to ſet off from *Montreal* to join the aforeſaid two hundred and fifty and from thence proceed directly to the *Ohios*; that when they arrived at

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[1] Auditor. *John Blair*, appointed Deputy Auditor in 1732, died 1771.

[2] Governor of *Pennſylvania*. *James Hamilton*, born *c.* 1710, died *Auguſt* 14, 1783. He was Governor from 1748 to 1754, and held other important poſts under the *Penns*.

[3] Governor of *Canada*. Marquis *Duquesne de Menneville*, appointed Governor upon the death of *Jacques de Taffanel*, Marquis *de la Jonquière*, *March* 6, 1752. *Duquesne* was a grandnephew of the famous Admiral *Abraham Duquesne*, and was himſelf a naval officer. He was recalled, at his own requeſt, in 1755.

[4] Carrying Place that leads from *Niagara* to the Heads of the *Ohio's*. *Preſque'iſle*, near the preſent ſite of *Erie*, *Pennſylvania*. From this point it was but a ſhort diſtance to the head waters of *French* Creek. In flood time, canoes could navigate the latter ſtream and thus make their way into the *Allegheny* and at length into the *Ohio*. This was a new route of *French* advance. (See *DuQuesne* to M. *de Rouillé*, *Auguſt* 20, 1753, "New York Colonial Documents," V. 10, p. 255.)

[5] Six Thouſand *French*. A groſs exaggeration. The whole army, with later reinforcements, did not number more than one thouſand five hundred. (See *Parkman*, "Montcalm and Wolfe", V. 1, Ch. 3.)

at the *Logs Town* they intended to build three forts,[1] one at the forks of *Moningcolat* (about fourteen miles on this ſide of the *Logs Town* and on this ſide of the *Ohios*) another below that and the other above it, but ſo as not to be far aſunder; that if the *Engliſh* traders would immediately quit the river on their commanding of them to go off, they would let them go unmoleſted, but if they or the *Indians* ſhould make any reſiſtence, they would take them all priſoners & perhaps kill ſome of them, and that he (the Gov^r. of *Canada*) would not ſuffer any further trade to be carried on by the *Engliſh*, on the waters of the *Ohios*; that *Onondio* had ſent them the Six Nations this Belt of Wampum as well to let them know his intentions of ſettling the *Ohio* as to deſire they would aſſemble a body of their warriors which he would cauſe to be joined by a large body of their *Indians* to go to fight the *Catawbas*, for that he (their Father) was ſorry to hear the *Catawbas* had killed ſo many of their children (the Six Nations) and that he hoped by his Aſſiſtance they would cut them entirely off. Upon this *Caſwonthyony* & *Affugerizerce* two of the Chiefs of the Six Nations ſtood up and told them they would ſend for ſome of their Chiefs, not then preſent to whom they would communicate this ſpeech, and that in a few days they would return them an answer. M^r *Montour* at the requeſt of the *Onandago* Council was preſent at the delivery of this ſpeech & the following anſwer to it. In three days after they aſſembled a Council & *Coffwonthony* ſtanding up told the *French Indians* to tell *Onondio* that he, by order of the Six Nations would return the following anſwer to his ſpeech; *to witt*, That they the Six Nations had made peace with the *Catawbas* and that they would not break their friendſhip with them; that they looked upon it that *Onondio* intended to deceive them, for that when their warriours were gone to fight the *Catawbas* they imagined he intended to take the opportunity to fall upon the *Ohio Indians* & cut them off:—upon which they returned them the Belt of Wampum and further defired them to tell *Onondio* that the lands of *ohio* was theirs and that their Father had no right to it, and therefore muſt not breed any diſturbance with their Brethren the *Engliſh*, nor attempt to build any Forts, nor ſpill any blood on their lands; and that neither the *French* nor *Engliſh* had any right to the *Ohio* Lands, for that thoſe lands was the chief of their hunting ground and that they would keep it themſelves for their young men to carry on a trade upon; that if *Onondio* had a mind to make war againſt the *Engliſh*, he muſt do it on the great waters; and to tell *Onondio* that what the Six Nations had ſaid muſt ſtand firm.

To confirm what they ſaid they defired them to preſent *Onondio* with that Belt of Wampum; here they gave a large Belt of White Wampum.[2]

M^r *Montour*'s Declaration 15 *May* 1753.

Belvoir in *Fairfax* County 15 *May* 1753.

Then M^r *Andrew Montour*[3] came, and expreſſing his deſire to have his meſſage to and from the Sachems or Chiefs of the Six United Nations of *Indians*, ſet down in paper, to aſſiſt his memory and prevent miſtakes

Declared

That

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[1] Three forts. The original intention was to build four forts—at *Weningo*, *Monongahela* Forks, *Log*'s Town, and *Beaver* Creek. ("Pennſylvania Colonial Records," V. 5, p. 667.)

[2] Belt of white wampum. Cf. reports of theſe meetings in "Pennſylvania Colonial Records," V. 5, pp. 607–8; 614–16; 622 ff; 665 ff.

[3] *Andrew Montour*. The ſon of the celebrated *Canadian* half-breed *Catharine Montour*. ("Journal of Captain William Trent," p. 103.) He had been employed by the Council of *Pennſylvania*, on the recommendation of *Conrad Weiſer*, in 1748, and acted as interpreter for the *Indians*. He was highly eſteemed by the Six Nations, and had received various commiſſions of truſt from the authorities of *Pennſylvania*. In *April*, 1752, he had gone to *Virginia* in hopes of ſecuring ſervice there, and had paſſed through *Philadelphia*, on *February* 8, 1753, when bound for the *Ohio* country in behalf of *Virginia*. In *June*, 1753, he was again in *Philadelphia*, and announced that he planned another journey to *Ohio* for *Virginia*. The next year he was again in the ſervice of *Pennſylvania*. ("Pennſylvania Colonial Records," V. 5, pp. 290, 455, 567, 607, 635–36, 735, 760.)

That about the 15th. *April* laſt being at *Onondago*, a Council of the Six Nations was called and met, when the ſaid *Montour* told the Council he came from the Governor of *Virginia* to acquaint them he had kindled a fire at the town of *Winchefter* in the County of *Frederick*, and a plain and good road was made all the way to *Onondago* that nothing might obſtruct their coming to *Winchefter* to receive any preſents intended from *Virginia*, to their comunity: and thereupon gave them a Belt of Wampum.

After ſix days deliberation Mr *Montour* recd. the following anſwer:—

That they the ſaid Sachems and Chiefs earneſtly deſired the Governor of *Virginia* to uſe his power and influence to prevent war and bloodſhed with the *French* and their *Indians*, eſpecially on the waters of the *Allegany* and *Ohio*; it being their beſt grounds of hunting; in token whereof they gave a Belt of Wampum.

They alſo deſired the Governor of *Virginia* to believe that they the Six Nations did very much diſlike the unpeaceable practices of the *French* and their dependent *Indians*, and will do their utmoſt endeavours to prevent ſuch irregularitys and hoſtilities from taking any ill effects among their good friends and brethren the *Engliſh*.

They likewiſe deſired that good faith and credit might be given to what their ſon *Andrew Montour*, alſo one of their Council, ſhould ſay to the Governor of *Virginia* in their names.

And furthermore that the two Belts might be returned to the Sachems or any of their Chiefs at a future meeting of Treaty or Agreement[1].

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Andrew † *Montour*
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Governor *Dinwiddie* to Governor *Glen*[2] 23 *May* 1753.

Williamſburg, Virginia May 23d 1753.

Sir

By this expreſs I encloſe your Excellency a copy of ſeveral papers ſent me expreſs from *Philadelphia*, Mr *Hamilton* the Governor's letter[3] to me, as alſo a copy of *Andrew Montour*'s Declaration[4] on delivering a meſſage from me to the Six united Nations of *Indians*. As theſe papers contain affairs of great importance to His Majeſty's Colonies on this Continent, I thought it neceſſary to give you as early intelligence thereof as poſſible.

I muſt obſerve to you that laſt year I ſent Commiſſioners to the Six Nations and other *Indian* Nations in amity with us and them, to the Weſt of this dominion, with a handſome preſent to them from His Majeſty. They accordingly met our Commiſſioners at *Logs Town* on the *Ohio*, where after the delivery of the preſent, the Sachems and Chiefs then preſent confirmed and ratified the treaty of *Lancaſter*, and all our former treaties[5] with them.

The intention of this treaty was to deliver the Preſent, and to obtain their aſſent to ſettle the lands on the *Ohio*, which were granted by patent from His Majeſty to ſome gentlemen in *London* and in this dominion; which the *Indian* Chiefs then preſent immediately agreed to, and further gave leave to build two forts on the *Ohio* River. Agreeable thereto, there are one hundred and fifty families gone out to begin the Settlement.

By

[1] Treaty or agreement. *Montour*'s private impreſſion was that the Six Nations deſired alliance neither with the *French* nor with the *Indians*, but wiſhed to be left alone to enjoy their own rights and territory. (See his interview with *Peters*, *June*, 1753, "Pennſylvania Colonial Records," V. 5, pp. 635–36.)

[2] *James Glen*, born at *Linleithgow*, *Scotland*, in 1701. He was appointed Governor of *South Carolina* on *December* 28, 1738, while holding office as Inſpector of Seigniories of *Scotland*, but did not arrive in *South Carolina* until *December* 19, 1743. Continuing Governor until 1755, he was generally ſucceſsful in his dealings with the *Cherokees*.

[3] Mr. *Hamilton*'s Letter. For this letter ſee "Pennſylvania Colonial Records," V. 5, pp. 628–30.

[4] *Montour*'s Declaration. See *ſupra*, pp. 515–16.

[5] Treaties with them. See *Trent*'s Journal. For the treaty of *Lancaſter* (*July* 23, 1748), ſee "Pennſylvania Colonial Records," V. 5, pp. 307–319; text of the treaty, *ibid.*, 316–19.

By the within papers you will obſerve that the *French* from *Canada* have marched a large force of regular troops and *Indians* not only to prevent our settlement, but to take poſſeſſion of theſe lands and to build forts on that River; a ſtep not precedented in the time of confirmed peace with *Britain* and *France*, to invade the *Britiſh* territories and lands, that we have an undoubted right to, not only as the back of this dominion, but alſo by a conceſſion of the native proprietors; nay I may ſay by a fair purchaſe, as their agreeing to our ſettlement was in conſequence of the Preſent given them.

This affair I conceive of very great conſequence to all His Majeſty's Colonies on this Continent. I immediately called a Council; they all agreed with me that it was abſolutely neceſſary to ſend an expreſs to you with a copy of the papers, as alſo to ſend to the *Catawbas*, *Cherokees*, and the other *Indians* in friendſhip with us, to put them on their guard for fear of ſurprize: which I am preparing to do.

We are further of opinion that each Colony ſhould raiſe a number of men, which, with the aſſiſtance of the *Indians* in friendſhip with us, may be able to prevent the *French* ſettling the lands on the *Ohio*, and if ſettled, to diſpoſſeſs them. As this affair will require ſome time we thought it proper to intimate the ſame to you and the other governments, to know your and their thoughts thereon; and if you are of opinion with us, we ſhall be glad to know the number of men that may be ſupplyed from your government. For the *French* poſſeſſing the lands of the *Ohio*, which are ſo near our back ſettlements, will in time effect all our Colonies, and indeed they are very diſagreeable neighbours, and no doubt in time will multiply faſt.

We are alſo of opinion that it would be very agreeable if you poſſibly could make peace between the *Creeks* and *Cherokees*; for the aſſiſtance of the *Indians* will be of very eſſential ſervice.

You will further pleaſe to obſerve that its of the laſt conſequence tacitly to allow the *French* a ſettlement on the *Ohio*; as they will continually harraſs our back ſettlements, and also enhance all the *Indian* trade, to the great loſs and prejudice of *Great Britain*. It appears to me to be an affair that requires the ſerious conſideration of all the *Britiſh* governments on the Continent.

I have wrote[1] to the Governor of *Pennſylvania* to deſire M[r] *Clinton* Governor of *New York* to ſend an expreſs to the Governor of *Canada* to know his reaſons for this invaſion on His Maſeſty of *Great Brittain*'s territories in the time of profound peace between the two Crowns; and ſo ſoon as I can hear a proper account of their tranſactions on the *Ohio*, I ſhall tranſmit the ſame to the Miniſtry at home, that if they ſee proper they may apply to the Crown of *France*; but at the ſame time I think we ſhould do all in our power to prevent their ſettlement.

Laſt week I was informed that the Emperor of the *Cherokees* with his Empreſs, ſon, and ſome of his officers who were here laſt fall, were intercepted in their return to their own country, by ſome *French Indians*. They ſay that they ſcalped the Emperor and carried the other priſoners to *Canada*. This wants confirmation, but M[r] *Montour*, who I had ſent to the Six Nations, ſays he had heard the ſame at *Onondago*.

I ſhall be very glad by the return of this expreſs that your Excellency will pleaſe to ſend me your opinion on this emergent occaſion, and what aid may be expected from your government, and if it ſhould be thought proper next fall, to endeavor to diſlodge the *French* from the *Ohio* if they ſhould preſume to ſettle, if you could not engage ſome of the *Creeks* and other *Indian* Nations contiguous to you, to aſſiſt in this attempt to diſappoint their deſigns. For I take it to be a great inſult on *Great Brittain* at this time to make an invaſion on our lands. The number of the *French* forces are uncertain; ſome ſay ſix thouſand, but I cannot think they can exceed one thouſand or twelve hundred regular forces, beſides the *Indians*; but I expect ſoon to have a more explicit account of their number & intentions.

I have been told that for many years they have been tampering with many of the nations of *Indians* to the Weſtward of us. The *Picks* and *Twightwees*, two powerfull nations

[1] Wrote to the Governor of *Pennſylvania*. For this letter, *May* 21, 1753, ſee "Pennſylvania Colonial Records," V. 5, pp. 630–32.

nations near Lake *Erie* laſt fall ſent me a meſſage of their ſtrong inclination to enter into a ſtrict friendſhip with *Britain*. I returned a ſuitable anſwer and deſired them to ſend ſome of their Chiefs to *Winchester* a back town in this dominion, above two hundred miles from this, when they ſhould receive a handſome preſent of ſmall arms ammunition &c. to confirm them of our great deſire to cultivate a ſtrict friendſhip with them; which Preſent is now laying there for them; but I fear this attempt of the *French* will prevent their coming, as they muſt come by the *Logs Town* on the *Ohio*. However if they can paſs them, there is a Commiſſioner with the Preſent ready to receive them.

I could not well abreviate this letter as I intended to give you as clear a detail of the affairs as poſſible. Pleaſe give the meſſenger all neceſſary diſpatch. With ſincere regards, I remain in great truth

Your Excellencys
Moſt obedient humble Servt.
Robt. Dinwiddie.

Governor *Glen* to Governor *Dinwiddie* 21 *June* 1753.

South Carolina June 21ſt 1753.

Sir

On the 12th of this inſtant your expreſs brought me your letter dated the 23d of *May* laſt incloſing the Copy of a letter from Governor *Clinton* and another from Governor *Hamilton*, with ſeveral other copys of papers referred to, and as they contain matters of great importance, I, without loſs of time communicated them to the Council, who conſidered them with that attention that is due to everything that ſo greatly concerns His Majeſty's ſervice and the *Britiſh* intereſt, that may ſo nearly affect the preſent peace of the neighbouring Province, or by the conſequences may diſturb the tranquillity of all the Colonies upon the Continent; in ſhort that may involve us in trouble, or have what the *French* call des Suites facheuſe.

The Gentlemen of the Council were of opinion that it would not be adviſeable for me to promiſe any great aſſiſtance from this Province in its preſent ſituation, more eſpecially as the very perſon from whom you have the accounts of the numbers of the *French* army, gives you alſo information that a part of them is deſigned for the utter deſtruction of the *Catawbaws*; and as the ſole dependance of that little Nation is upon this Government, it is proper we ſhould endeavour to protect and defend them. Indeed it is our interest and abſolutely neceſſary for us to do ſo; for they form a part of our barrier, and if they are cut off, a door will be left open to the *French Indians* to harraſs our new ſettlements in theſe out parts.

I am ſenſible how greatly it concerns the peace of all His Majeſty's Colonies upon this Continent to keep the *French* at a diſtance; it not only concerns the peace, but the very being of this Province; for compared with *Virginia* and ſome other Northern Governments, it is but thinly peopled. Our great ſecurity is the friendship of the *Indian* Nations, which I therefore ſtudy to cultivate with the greateſt care; and as I find the *French* ſpare no pains in ſtirring up ſtrife, that by conſtant wars they may weaken one another, I endeavour to heal and reconcile all their differences.

I have for ſome time paſt taken a good deal of pains to make a firm peace between the *Creeks* and *Cherokees*, and am not without a proſpect of ſucceſs. I am equally deſirous that there ſhould be peace between all our *Indians* and the Six Nations, and I ſent propoſals to the Northward ſome time ago to that purpoſe. I hope you and Govr *Clinton* will ſtrengthen my hands in this good work. If it could be brought about, I could venture to promiſe a conſiderable number of *Indians* to be employed in defeating the deſigns of the *French* for the future. But in their preſent ſtate they have ſucceeded or failed: if they have ſucceeded and made a ſettlement with ſuch an army as you have advice of, I cannot be of opinion that it will be ſafe for me, without ſpecial directions from His Majeſty to take any ſteps to diſlodge them, or in other words to deſtroy them. And therefore, with great deference to you and the Council of *Virginia* I offer it as my opinion

opinion that a full repreſentation ſhould be laid before His Majeſty of the ſeveral ſteps taken by you to ſettle that country, and a particular detail of the meaſures the *French* are purſuing to diſpoſſeſs you of it, and to ſettle it themſelves; and that we ſhould wait till His Majeſty's pleaſure is ſignified before we can warrantably proceed any farther.

But I think you very juſtly doubt the information you have received as to the number of men. *Indians* never ſee; and ſeldom ſpeak of thouſands; ſo they may miſtake; and from a long and pretty intimate knowledge of them I have learned to miſtruſt their accounts upon ſuch ſubjects; their fears often magniſy appearances, and they are not very ſcrupulous or exact in numbers.

I hope all His Majeſty's Colonys upon the Continent will make a common cauſe of it, when any part of them is invaded; but in the preſent caſe this Province is very nearly concerned, proximus ardet; for which reaſon and from the earneſt deſire that I know they have of expreſſing their zeal for His Majeſty's ſervice, they will, according to their ſmall ability, exert themſelves like loyal and grateful ſubjects in executing His Majeſty's commands.

I am with ſincerity and reſpect
Sir
Your moſt obedient Servant
James Glen.

P. S. The Emperor of the *Cherokees* is very well, but was barbarouſly beat by ſome perſons in your Province who tied him like a ſlave; he afterwards out of revenge burnt the fine cloaths and other preſents that you had made him. I look for him every hour, and therefore I detained your expreſs, in hopes to have given you full account of that tranſaction, that they might be puniſhed.

Gov^r. *Glen* to Secretary the Earl of *Holderneſſe* 25 *June* 1753.

S^o. Carolina June 25^th^ 1753.

My Lord.

A few days ago I received a letter from M^r *Dinwiddie* Governor of *Virginia* and ſeveral papers encloſed, which contained matters of ſuch a nature and importance, as made me think it my duty to tranſmit copies of them to your Lordſhip, leaſt he ſhould have had no opportunity of doing it from *Virginia*. They are numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.[1] I have alſo taken the liberty to encloſe a copy of my anſwer to M^r *Dinwiddie*'s letter, N^o. 7. and I hope your Lordſhip will permit me to lay before you ſome further remarks and obſervations upon his letter and the other papers, altho the matter is ſo nice and delicate as hardly to admit of being touched by ſuch an unſkilful hand, and is of ſo high a nature as to be almoſt out of the reach of an *American* Governor.

The purport of his letter and the other papers is to acquaint me that an army of regular troopes is marched from *Canada*, joined with a great number of *French Indians* to diſpoſſeſs the *Engliſh* lately ſettled upon the *Ohio* River by the Government of *Virginia*, and to take poſſeſſion of theſe lands themſelves, and to build forts on that River; and further to acquaint me that it is his opinion and the opinion of the Council of *Virginia* that each of His Majeſty's Colonys upon this Continent ſhould raiſe a number of men to prevent the *French* from ſettling there, and to diſlodge and diſpoſſeſs them if they have ſettled, and deſiring to know the number of men that may be ſupplyed by this Government

[1] The encloſures were as follows:
No. 1 1753. *May* 23. Gov. *Dinwiddie* to Govr. *Glen.*
2 1753. *April* 20. Mr. *Johnſon* to Gov. *Clinton.*
3 1753. *April* 30. Govr. *Clinton* to Govr. *Dinwiddie.*
4 1753. *May* 15. Mr. *Montour*'s Declaration.
5 1753. *May* 7. Paragraph of a letter from *William Weſt* to the Governor of *Pennſylvania.*
6 1753. *May* 6. Govr. *Hamilton* to Govr. *Dinwiddie.*
7 1753. *June* 25. Govr. *Glen* to Govr. *Dinwiddie.*
Of the liſt given above, Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 7 were included in the *Bancroft* Tranſcripts, and are printed in this Appendix. (See preceeding pages.)

ment. He further acquaints me that the number of the *French* troopes is ſaid to be ſix thouſand, but that he cannot think they can exceed 1000 or 1200 regular forces, beſides their *Indians*.

In the firſt place I muſt pray your Lordſhip to obſerve that the only foundation upon which theſe accounts is built is reports of *Indians*, and upon ſuch ſubjects it will not be ſafe to lay much ſtreſs upon their intelligence. Mr *Johnſon*'s letter[1] to Governor *Clinton*, No. 2, ſays that ſome of the people belonging to the Five Nations had ſeen a great number of *French* and *Indians* march well equipped for war, and they diſpatched two of the number with the news to *Onondago*, and that Nation had forwarded it to Mr *Johnſon* by a freſh poſt in 48 hours, and in the poſtſcript it is ſaid that they judge the number to be about 1200, and that there are a great many officers and young gentlemen by their appearance.

This letter is dated *April* the 20th conſequently the news muſt have been diſpatched from *Onondago* about the 18th but by Mr *Montour*'s declaration, N°. 4, it appears that he was upon the very ſpot (*Onondago*) at the time this news is ſaid to have been brought thither and it is impoſſible that he who is perfectly acquainted with their language, whom they call their Son, and who is one of their Council ſhould not have heard this news; if he did, it is ſtrange he ſhould ſuppreſs it, for he neither mentions it in that Declaration, nor in his more circumſtantial account to Mr *Weſt*, N°. 5.

As to the numbers ſaid to be ſeen by theſe *Indians* it is well known that all *Indian* accounts gather ſtrength as they go, and this news has travelled a great way thro' their country; I have known a ſmall party ſwelled by them to a conſiderable army, their fears often multiply the numbers.

Mr *Weſt*'s letter to Governor *Hamilton*, N°. 5, alſo terminates in *Indian* intelligence. What he ſays is, that Mr *Montour* acquainted him that whilſt he was at *Onondago*, a meſſage was brought by 7 *French Indians* from the Governor of *Canada*, to inform the Five Nations that he intended to ſend an army of 6000 troops, beſides *Indians*, to the *Ohio*, to remove the *Engliſh*, and to ſettle theſe lands with *French*, and build forts; but thoſe *Indians* may have greatly magnified the force, or Mr *Montour* may have forgot the numbers; for I perceive that he cannot write. Mr *Dinwiddie* gives little credit to that account of the numbers, for he ſays he can't think they exceed 1000 or 1200 regular forces; but I muſt obſerve that he had no other foundation for building this belief upon than the above reports, which appear to me to be very vague, and I think could not juſtify my taking any ſteps but what I have recommended in my anſwer to his letter.

I ſhall now take the liberty to examine what Mr *Dinwiddie* ſays, and I ſhall recite his own words:—"By the within papers you will obſerve that the *French* from *Canada* have marched a large force of regular troops and *Indians*, not only to prevent our ſettlement, but to take poſſeſſion of theſe lands &c. that we have an undoubted right to, not only as a back of this dominion, but alſo by a Conceſſion of the native Proprietors; nay I may ſay, by a fair purchaſe, as their agreeing to our ſettlement was in conſequence of the preſent given them" (from His Majeſty.)

I am afraid that the expreſſion The back of our Dominion would not be thought by the *French* to be ſo clear and accurate as ſuch a ſubject requires; they might perhaps interpret it to mean At the back of that Dominion, more eſpecially as Mr *Dinwiddie* ſays in his ſecond paragraph, that it is to the weſt of that Dominion, & in a ſubſequent paragraph, that the lands on the *Ohio* are nearer their back ſettlements, and in another part, that if the *French* are allowed to ſettle there, they will continually harraſs their back ſettlements.

He alledges it is our [s] by conceſſion of the Native Proprietors; but there are few or none of the *Indians* there who can properly be called Natives Aborigines, for the preſent inhabitants or occupiers of thoſe parts conſiſt of ſmall tribes of different nations, *Sennecas*, *Schawanoes*, *Delawares*; but the property, the dominion, belongs to other *Indian* Nations who ſay they conquered that country and will therefore claim it as being won by

[1] Mr. *Johnſon*'s letter to Governor *Clinton*. Dated *April* 20, 1753; printed "New York Colonial Records," V. 5, pp. 778–79.

by their Bow, and bought with their Blood; and I perceive that the *Indians* of the Five Nations affert their title to it. But had the abfolute right been in the prefent inhabitants, I cannot gather from M^r *Dinwiddie*'s letter that they have aliened thefe lands, or that anything they did can be interpreted to be a Ceffion of them. He fays that the Sachems and Chiefs then prefent agreed to our fettling the lands, and that they further gave leave to build two forts on the *Ohio* River; but I can hardly think that a verbal permiffion from fome of the Headmen to fettle there, or in other words to live among them and trade with them &c. or even giving leave to build two forts can be deemed a Ceffion of their right to thefe lands; fuch a permiffion neither conveys the dominion nor poffeffion of the country, on the contrary our defiring their permiffion may be faid to be a tacit acquieffence and acknowledgement that they retain both.

As to the laft claim, that of being a fair purchafe, for (the reafon affigned is) their agreeing to our fettlement was in confequence of the prefents given them; I am affraid that will be reckoned a bad title. A purchafe is a contract or convention betwixt one party and another, the intention of both parties ought to be made known expreffed and underftood by each other; the thing to be fold fhould be defcribed, and there fhould be a certain, that is, a precife price agreed upon and paid, and there can be no purchafe without this. For it is a known rule in law, *nulla emptio, fine pretio, effe poteft*, but a prefent from the King can with no propriety be called a price, tho' I heartily wifh that a fair purchafe had been made; for fuch tranfactions not only quiet the *Indians* but make them readily joyn in defending any right faid to be derived from them; and I humbly fubmit it to your Lordfhip if it might not ftill be advifable to make fuch a purchafe from the *Indians*, even tho' the *French* may have poffeffed themfelves of thofe lands, for it can never be faid that they conquered them; they are intruders and violent poffeffors, and the right remains. When *Hanibal* had overrun a great part of *Italy* and was fet down with a powerful army at the gates of *Rome* the particular lands upon which his army encamped were that very day fold publicly in the City at as high a price as if there had been no enemy in *Italy*.

A few years agoe the tranfactions between Governor *Thomas* and fome *Indian* Nations to the Northward, were printed under the title of the Treaty of *Lancafter*, Commiffioners from *Virginia* were fent to that meeting, and were partys to that treaty; they put the *Indians* in mind that many years before they had given (put) themfelves and their lands under the King of *England*'s protection, and infinuated that they would not therefore call them their own; but perhaps it may be doubted whether this made them fubjects and vaffals, or whether it gave away the abfolute property of their lands. It may be faid that they came in *Patrocinio in Fide et Clientela Regis, sed non in ejus ditione*; and in all cafes of fettling new lands, altho' within His Majefty's Charter, I hope your Lordfhip will think it advifable for us to make fair purchafes from the *Indians*; and by fome papers that I have tranfmitted by this conveyance to the Lords of Trade the neceffity appears and may require the immediate notice of the Government.

I fhall now proceed to lay before your Lordfhip a few clear and undoubted facts. It cannot be controverted that the *Engliſh* took public poffeffion of *Virginia* by virtue of a public charter from the Crown of *England*, that they were in poffeffion above four Score years before Monfieur *Lafalle* or any other *Frenchman* had ever feen the *Miſſiſſippi*, and that they have continued in the undifturbed poffeffion of it ever fince, and that by the Charter the Weft boundarie of *Virginia* is the *South* Sea, that all this is at leaft a good bar againft all other *Europian* Princes; but that *France* in particular is barred by expref treatyes fubfifting between them and us.

Your lordfhip will pleafe to obferve that Governor *Hamilton* in his letter, No. 6, calls this ftep of the *French*, a proceeding in direct violation of treaties fubfifting between the Crowns of *England* and *France*, by which a mutual right to a free and open trade is firmly & clearly ftipulated. I am at a lofs to know what treaty he means, and I prefume he is under fome miftake.

The treaties which I humbly conceive abfolutely exclude *France* from any part of *Virginia* are the treaty of *Breda* concluded betwixt *Great Britain* and *France* in 1667, and

and the treaty of Peace and good correſpondence in *America* concluded betwixt the ſaid two Crowns in 1686. By the firſt it is ſtipulated betwixt the King of *Great Britain* and the moſt Chriſtain King that they ſhould forbear to wrong or injure one another, no more are they to moleſt or incommode one another in any manner whatſoever, either by ſea or land or on rivers in any part of the world whatſoever. That *America* was included in theſe laſt words I think there can be no doubt, for there are ſeveral ſtipulations in the ſaid Treaty with regard to St. *Chriſtophers*, *Antigua*, *Montſerrat* and *Acadia*, and leaſt there ſhould be any doubt that the words in any part of the world whatſoever referred to *America*, by the 19th Article of the Treaty in 1686 a treaty calculated for *America*, the aforeſaid treaty of 1667 was to remain in force and be obſerved, which I think would not have been done, had it not referred to *America* and by the 11th article of this laſt treaty it is agreed that the Governors Officers and ſubjects of either King ſhall not any ways moleſt or diſturb the ſubjects of the other in ſettling their reſpective Colonies, and by the 1ſt article of the ſaid Treaty it is alſo agreed that there ſhould be a firm peace unity amity and good correſpondence as well by land as by ſea between the *Britiſh* and *French* Nations in *America*, and within the colonies and governments belonging to the King of Great Britain and the Moſt Chriſtain King, or which are under the government of either of them reſpectively. That the country of *Virginia*, bounded as in the aforeſaid public Charter by the *Atlantic* Ocean on the Eaſt and the *South* Sea on the Weſt, was at that time and had been for above 100 years before, a Colony and Government under the juriſdiction of the King of *Great Britain* needs no proof, and *France* neither had nor pretended to have the leaſt right or claim to any lands or territories within theſe limits.

Monſieur *Laſalle* pretended to have diſcovered the mouth of the *Miſſiſſippi* in the year 1686[1]. He was murthered by ſome of his people in 1687. and the reſt returned to *Quebeck* in 1688, and in *September* 1712 *Lewis* the 14th is ſaid to have granted a great part of the country about the mouth of the *Miſſiſſippi* River, under the name of *Louiſana* to Monſieur *Crozat*.

It is clear therefore that we were in poſſeſſion of *Virginia* long before either of theſe treaties. Surely the *French* will not pretend that it was neceſſary to aſcertain the limits *circumeundo circumambubande*; it is enough that they are clearly deſcribed in the above Public Charter, and that we had taken poſeſſion of ſome parts with an intention to poſſeſſ the whole. This is clear from the firſt § of the third law *de adquir: vel amit· poſs*:

I thought it my duty to give your Lordſhip the earlyeſt notice of theſe news. I have laid them before you purely as I received them. I have alſo repreſented them in the light in which they appear to me, but I have not preſumed to expreſs my ſentiments of the dangers that would arise to all His Majeſty's dominions on the Continent, ſhould the *French* continue there, becauſe I am confident it will not be permitted.

I have clearly traced their emiſſaries in all our *Indian* Nations for many years paſt, and tho' they moved by ſlow and very ſecret ſteps, yet as their deſigns were not the leſs dangerous for being covered and concealed, I made it my study narrowly to watch them, and they have gained no ground in any part near this government, as may appear by the letter I now tranſmit to the Lords of Trade, and if they have made no greater advances elſewhere, they have been too haſty in throwing off the maſk by this barefaced attempt upon His Majeſty's dominions, for his Provinces to the Northward are full of hardy inhabitants, and it is to be hoped their neighbouring *Indians* are in friendſhip with them. This Colony is but thinly peopled, but we are more powerful in *Indian* Allies than any other: the *Cherokees* make up near 3000 gunmen, the *Creeks* 2500, the *Catawbaws* about 400, and the *Chickaſaws* rather more. None of theſe are under the *French* influence, and

[1] *Miſſiſſippi* in the year 1686. Correctly, *April* 6, 1682.

and whenever His Majeſty's ſervice requires it, I hope I ſhall be able to ſhew that they are greatly under the influence of this Government.

I have the honor to be with the greateſt reſpect
My Lord
Your Lordſhips moſt obedient
and moſt humble Servant
James Glen.

The Right Hon^ble^.
The Earl of *Holdernefs.*

MANUSCRIPTS IN THE VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY.

[*Hoopaugh*'s Depoſition.[1]]

This Day Came before me *James Patton*[2] one of his Majeſties Juſtices for the County of *Auguſta George Hoopaugh* being Sworn Saith that about the 7^th^ Day of *May* laſt Sixty *Norward Indians* Came to his Houſe on *Sinking* Creek[3] a Branch of *Woods* River and Burned Down his Houſe and Stable and in the Houſe there was fifteen Buſhells of Wheat, at Sundry Times before that they *Indians* Threatned him, Burned his Corn & Killed his beſt Dogs So that he was oblidged to remove for fear of further Damage and Leave his Winter Crop in the Ground which was Loſt and that there was three Creatures[4] Killed in his Field which he believes was *Jacob Harmans* and further this Deponent Saith not— as witneſs his hand this 2^d^ Day of *February* 1754

Sworn to before me
James: Patton

Georg Hoopagh

[*Harman*'s Depoſition.]

This Day *Jacob Harman* Jun^r^. being ſworn Saith that he had two Mares and a Colt to the Vallue of fifteen Pounds[5] at leaſt Running at the Houſe of S^d^ *George Hoopagh* and a few Days after S^d^ *Hoopaghs* Houſe was burned S^d^ *Harman* went there and found his three Creatures all Shot Dead in the Field of S^d^ *Hoopagh* which he virily believes was Done by the S^d^ *Indians* that Burned the Houſe and further this Deponent Saith not as witneſs his Hand this 2^d^ of *Feby* 1754

Jacob Harman

Sworn to before me
James: Patton

An Account of Expences on the Treatys with the *Catawbas & Cherokees*, finiſhed by the Hon^ble^ the Commiſſioners[6] from *Virginia* in 1756.

Viz.

	£.		
To *Abrm. Smith*[7] firſt ſent to them to prepare them	33	—	—
To Expences and Preſents to Five *Cherokee Indians*	170	13	3

To

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1 Incorrectly printed, "Calendar of Virginia State Papers," V. 1, 249.

2 *James Patton*, one of the moſt prominent early ſettlers of *Auguſta*. Born in *Ireland* in 1692, he took early to ſea life, and brought many immigrants to *Virginia*. *Hobbe*'s Hole on the *Rappahannock*, was his regular landing place. He was given a large grant in *Auguſta*, ſerved as High Sheriff of the county, as County Lieutenant, and as Commiſſioner to *Logſtown* in 1752. He was killed by marauding *Indians* in 1755. ("Dinwiddie Papers," V. 1, p. 8; *Waddell*'s "Annals of Auguſta" [ed. 1902], pp. 111, 112.)

3 *Sinking* Creek. This ſtream flows in a ſouthweſterly direction through the preſent counties of *Craig* and *Giles*, and joins the *New* River at a point near *Eggleſton*.

4 Creatures. *i. e.*, "eritters," or, according to *Greene*, "creeturs" ("Virginia Word-Book," 103), a term ſtill uſed colloquially to deſignate animals.

5 Fifteen Pounds at leaſt. The next year, 1755, Governor *Dinwiddie* paid *Robert Callender* £.10. 6*ſ*. each for horſes for *Braddock*'s force. (*Dinwiddie* to *Braddock*, *May* 10, 1755, in "Dinwiddie Papers," V. 2, 36.)

6 Commſſioners. On *December* 23, 1755, *William Byrd* III and *Peter Randolph*, members of the Council of *Virginia*, were commiſſioned by Governor *Dinwiddie* to viſit the *Cherokee* and *Catawba* Nations and to negotiate a treaty of alliance with them ("Dinwiddie Papers," V. 2, 298–305). The commiſſioners ſtarted about *February* 7th, 1756, (*Dinwiddie* to *Morris*, *February* 21, 1756, "Pennſylvania Archives," 1ſt Series, V. 2, 581) and having been ſucceſsful in their miſſion, returned to *Williamſburg* about *May* 10, 1756. ("Dinwiddie Papers," V. 2, 408).

7 *Abr[aha]m Smith.* A reſident of *Auguſta* county, who acted as ſpecial agent and *Indian* interpreter for Governor *Dinwiddie*. He was intruſted with miſſions on various occaſions, and was later a captain of militia and a magiſtrate of the county. ("Dinwiddie Papers," V. 1, 60, 131, 231, 267, 274; *Waddell*'s "Annals of Auguſta," 160.)

To Capt. *John Dickinſon*[1] for reſcuing two *Cherokee* Priſoners	25	—	—
To *James Deans* for 5 Guns for the ſaid *Indians*	5	13	9
To Caſh to the Commiſſioners towards defraying Expences	250	—	—
To *Charles Turnbull* for ſo much diſburſed by him	671	19	4
To *Wm Prentis* for Sundries to the *Cherokees*	73	13	2
To *Iſham Eppes* his Expences &c.	16	17	—
To *Nath*[l] *Crawley* for maintaining ſome of them here	39	17	—
To *Rich*[d] *Timberlake* for Do. on the Road	3	14	—
To *James Wilſon* for engraving a Breaſt Plate	1	10	—
To *Abrm Smith*, Interpreter	40	—	—
To *Daniel Carrol*[2], Interpreter	30	—	—
To *Thomas Adams* Eſq[r] Secretary	100	—	—
To *Charles Turnbull* a further Acco[t]	172	17	1
To *Wm Hunter*[3] for printing the Treaties	15	—	—
Virginia Currency	£1649	14	7
Which reduced to Sterling at 25 *p C*[t] amounts to	£1319	15	8

Williamſburgh
July 20th 1756.

I have Examined the above Account amounting to £1649 14 7 *Virginia* Currency, & have compared it with the Vouchers produced to me, and find it rightly ſtated; ſo that being reduced to Sterling as above; the Expences of ſaid Treaties, & in ſoothing the *Indians*, amount to one Thouſand Three hundred & Nineteen Pounds, fifteen Shillings & Eight Pence Sterling; beſides what the Governor paid himſelf out of money in his hands; and the Reward to the Commiſſioners in a difficult & Chargeable Negotiation being ſtill due and unpaid.

John Blair D. Aud[r].

THE ANSWER Returned by the *Big Kettle* to a Speech Sent by him from the Six Nations to the *Vendotes* Leting them know how near the Danger was and What they Intended to Do[4].

We heartily thank you Our Brothers the Six Nations, *Dellawares* and *Engliſh* for your Care in Letting us know how near the Danger is. In forty Days We Intend to Meet at Our Canoe place, And there We Shall all Conclude how to Manage Our Affairs, and are to go to Our Towns in Ten Days More, after; Our Fathers may Call us to Council, But we Shall not mind Anything they will Say you may Depend on it. Laſt Fall the *French* ſent Strict Orders to all their Commanders Down to *Miſſiſſippi* and Order'd them on Sight to Call all the great plain *Indians* together, and to Bring them along In Order to Meet Somewhere on the River to Cut off all the *Indians* and *Engliſh* of all Nations Early In the Spring.

The above Speech Was Delivered to the *Big Kettle* to be Sent to the Six Nations *Engliſh* and *Dellawares*.

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[1] *Dickinſon.* Captain of *Auguſta* county rangers, and frequently embroiled with the Governor ("Dinwiddie papers," V. 2, 218, 220,504, 532, 566, 567, 678, 685, 699, 719; *Waddell*'s "Annals of Auguſta," 117, 146.)

[2] *Daniel Carrol. Dinwiddie* deſcribed *Carrol* as a "perſon of credit" and uſed him as a meſſenger to the *Catawbas* and *Cherokees* in *Auguſt*, 1755. ("Dinwiddie Papers," V. 2, 169.)

[3] *William Hunter.* Public Printer of the Colony.

[4] Printed "Calendar of Virginia State Papers," V. 1, p. 260; undated. Correct date, *May* or early *June*, 1754. See *Geo. Waſhington* to Governor *Dinwiddie*, *June* 3, 1754, "Dinwiddie Papers," V. 1, p. 191.

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